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Wednesday, December 18th, 2013

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Holiday Party

Good Evening Ladies,

The December meeting will be our annual Holiday Gathering at Missy Creevy's home. A general invitation was sent earlier and don't forget your dish to pass for the meal. Any questions about the food and /or location please call Missy. See you there.

Program Committee Future Meetings

- December's meeting will be our holiday gathering at Missy Creevy's home.
- January's meeting we will be focusing on Amelia Earhart and her accomplishments.
- February's meeting topic will be The Impact of Skilled Base Volunteerism and the speaker will Andrea Ziel the Executive Director of Woman on Call.
- March's meeting TBA
- April's Meeting will be the Annual Business meeting.

Thank you
Kim Brinsko

President's Message...

Hello Zontians!

Happy Holidays!! The Zonta Holiday Party is right around the corner. Thank you to Missy for hosting!

Hopefully everyone has had the opportunity to purchase their Neu-Life gifts. Thank you again to Laureen and Cheryl for coordinating the gift collection and thank you to the club members for your participation and generosity. Don't forget to also bring wine or wine money donations for the Fashion Show to Missy's house, since she is collecting those too.

Wow, the Girls on the Run 5K event was exciting! The weather wasn't exactly cooperative as it started raining at the beginning of the race. At least we all finished running before the tornado sirens went off! Luckily the weather did not cause any danger and everyone made it home safe. The "after celebration" with the girls was cut short, along with the recuperation snacks, but the girls felt accomplished. Thank you to the Zonta running buddies for making this event possible for the girls.

The 16 Days of Advocacy around the "Zonta Says No" campaign is now over, but the message is still one that needs to be talked about. Thank you to the members that wore their ribbons and shared that message over the past month. Our Wisconsin weather unfortunately forced us to cancel our Zonta Says No walk on December 8th.

It is such a busy time of the year. I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy holiday season and new year! I hope you have some quality time with your friends and families to share in the Christmas spirit.

Thank you for all you do, for women locally and around the world.

Joni Reese



Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2013
5:30 pm Social Hour - 6:00 Dinner

Welcome, Introductions and Dinner: The meeting was called to order by President Joni Reese at 6:00. Guests were introduced. After the Zonta Blessing, dinner was served.

Speaker: The speaker was Jessica Trauth from the Sojourner Family Peace Center who talked about the definition and many descriptions and signs of domestic violence.

The Members provided gifts and donations for the women at the Family Peace Center.

Committee Reports

Program

December Meeting - Holiday Gathering at Missy's home on December 18th.

Membership:

A New Members Orientation will be held on January 9, 2014 for members who have joined in the last 3 1/2 years. It will be from 5:30-8:00.

If anyone is interested in being highlighted in a column for the New Member's corner section of the newsletter, please contact Pam Knackert.

Scholarship

A Team meeting will be held on December 5th. If you are interested in working with this committee, please contact Donna Conant.

Fashion Show:

The Fashion Show will be held on April 5, 2014 at the Milwaukee Marriott West. The theme is **Your Doorway to Fashion –Opening Doors for Women and Girls**. Wine and/ or donations are being requested and the committee is also looking for new sponsors. The vendors are Soma and Chicos. Invitations are in process and a "Save the Date" will be going out.

Service and Advocacy:

Thanks to all Running Buddies! The event was held on Sunday, November 17th with the Neu-Life Girls.

A career night for Neu-Life students is being planned. Cheryl Lucas De-Berry and Donna Kahl-Wilkerson have volunteered to co-chair this event.

Members have provided holiday gifts for 69 children at Neu-Life.



Meeting Minutes Continued...

PR/Web/Newsletter:

Photos from Girls on the Run have been placed on Facebook

Zonta Say No Campaign:

16th Days of Activism- Send all activities and photos to President Joni Reese.
December 8th Walk at Lakefront

Upcoming Meetings

December 10th- Board Meeting at ICC

December 18th- Social at Missy's

Committee meetings as needed and designated by the various committees

Upcoming Dates/Activities

Neu – Life Holiday gift collections can be brought to the Holiday Social on December 18th.

Neu-Life Holiday Celebration December 19th

Newsletter articles due to ReeseDL05@uww.edu by the 7th of each month

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm



Scholarships

The scholarship committee has agreed to proceed in 2014 with the same 4 scholarships: The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, the Young Women in Public Affairs, the Technical Specialty Occupation Award and the Women in Science Award. With two additional members added to the committee we are hopeful that we can increase the marketing efforts behind these. Missy Creevy has volunteered to take on the marketing initiatives for all 4 scholarships. The committee will update the scholarship information on the website as soon as the information is made available on the National website which is typically late December or early January.

We will assess the success of the 2 local scholarships later this year and determine if we continue with these or explore other alternatives.

- Cindy Talkovic

Girls on the Run



Thanks to all
those who
participated!



Sisterhood Connection Orlando 2014 *Save the Date 6/26/2014*

Many of you are thinking warm summer breezes, friendship renewals, and meeting new connections through our Zonta sisterhood! The Milwaukee Club and Heidelberg Club would like again to meet for dinner during the 2014 ZI Convention: on 6/26/2014 in Orlando.

From New York to Melbourne, Rotterdam, San Antonio, Torino and now Orlando. We are in the joys of making plans for a "Sisterhood Dinner on the evening of 26 June 2014. Please let us know if you would be interested. Once we finalize the plans we will let everyone know.

Email addresses may have changed so please share with those we may have missed. Please respond to Sandra Miller (srmiller32@hotmail.com) or Sigrid Duden (sigrid.duden@gmx.de).

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando.
Joni Reese
Zonta Club of Milwaukee

Cornelia Kohler
Zonta Club of Heidelberg

Service Corner

Holiday Gift Collection – Gwen T Jackson Party Dec 19 at 5 PM (or so)

Our co-chairs, **Laureen** and **Cheryl**, have completed the recruiting process – over 30 Milwaukee Zontians will be participating this year, buying gifts for 69 children. Thank you all for all you are doing.

To all participants:

1. Keep your gift to \$25.
2. Wrapping is appreciated. Have fun with it/them!
3. DELIVERY OPTIONS
 - Bring your gift(s) to the Zonta holiday gathering at Missy Creevy's on the 18th.
 - Deliver your gift to the Neu Life Community Center before Dec 18th. Please contact Jody Rhodes before you head over to make sure someone will be there to accept the gift.
 - Jody is willing to do pick-ups if one of these methods won't work (contact her at 414-933-3924 or neulife1@sbcglobal.net)
4. **PLEASE RETURN THE PROFILES with your gift(s)**, as Neu-Life will be adding them to the youths' portfolios.

If you haven't yet purchased your gift(s), here are some reminders about popular items:

Little Girls- K3 to 1st Grade

Lalaloopsy Dolls
Hello Kitty
My Little Pony
Disney Toys
Play Doh Disney
Dora the Explorer

Older Girls- 2nd to 5th Grades

Arts and Crafts Kits
Make-Your-Own Kits
Monster High Dolls
Legos Friends (girls sets)



Little Boys- K3 to 1st Grade

Hot Wheels
Leggos
Spider Man Toys
Batman Toys
Play School Heroes Toys
Mega Blocks
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Toys

Older Boys- 2nd to 5th Grades

Leggos
Hot Wheels Sets
Knex Sets
Spider Man
Batman
Avengers
Transformers

Girls on the Run 5K Race

Zontians participated as Running Buddies on Sunday, November 17 despite rain, and at the end of the race, thunder and tornado sirens. A little more excitement than we planned, but all were safe. Thank you, Running Buddies **Kristin, Maria, Helen, Joni, Chris T, Dana, and Donna N! And Cindy.**

Service Corner Continued...

Zonta/Neu-Life Joint Advocacy Program

A proposal is in the works for a sexual violence/trafficking prevention program to be jointly administered by Neu-Life and Zonta. We are planning staff education, preparation, and training as well as education for a pilot group of high schoolers. For information about the ARTREACH and TIPS programs we are strongly considering, please visit humantraffickingawareness.com. There will likely be opportunities for Zontians to be educated about trafficking and trained to be youth resources (ie.g. help run these programs).

March Career Event

Planning will begin soon for a Career Event designed for high schoolers, and open to interested middle schoolers, at the Neu-Life main site. Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, and Kristin Greenwood have agreed to co-chair this project team. They will identify the fields of interest (business ownership, medical, and science fields will definitely be on the list), dates, logistics, and the format of the event and coordinate volunteers to participate. Look to hear from the project team in January!

Art Show Fundraiser

We still need two or three volunteers with networking skills to meet with the Neu-Life Annual Art Show Fundraiser planning team once a month or so between January and April. This year the goal is to double the attendance vs. last year. Volunteers should contact Donna Neal and/or Jody. This year's theme will be food-related; the students will make more of the food served at the event (cooking/gardening group project). Possible theme: Food for Thought. ARTREACH output will likely also be on exhibit at the event.

- Donna Neal

Pamela Knaackert
December 3rd

Donna Neal
December 5th



Jacqueline M. Beaudry
December 29th

Susan M. Koepsell
December 29th

Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser

Save the Date of Saturday, **April 5, 2014**

for our luncheon and fashion show fundraiser.

**“Your Doorway to Fashion:
Opening Doors for Women and Girls”**

Featuring fashions by Chicos & Soma.

It will be held at

Marriott Milwaukee West in Pewaukee right off the freeway on Hwy F.

The 2014 Zonta Fashion Show is April 5. Have you marked your calendar? Have you signed up to help? Everyone is needed day of and committee is hard at work now to incorporate suggestions and finalize plans for a wonderful day.

Our partners this year, Chicos and Soma, are anxious to participate again.

Our Christmas gathering will be at Missy Creevy's house this year and she is organizing the wine pull. Take this opportunity to bring your donation of wine for the wine pull or, if you prefer, there will be an envelope so you can donate money toward the purchase of wine in bulk.

Start inviting your friends and relatives as you see them over the holidays. Every member is responsible to sell ten tickets. If you want to give someone a gift certificate to attend the Fashion Show as your guest, Holiday gift certificates are available. You can print them and fill them in. What a nice way to share the excitement.

Also if you have any items for raffle or silent auction donations you can bring them to Missy's as well or bring them to the January meeting. Ask those businesses you are purchasing from over the holidays for a donation or if you get a gift you can't use at Christmas re-gift it to Zonta.

- Carol Cline

Advocacy

Plans for International Woman's Day are underway. This year looks to be shaping up nicely. While the actual day, March 8, falls on a Saturday, the planning committee has decided to continue to focus efforts on the legislative/advocacy efforts it has forged over the past 3 years. Since legislators are most often found in their offices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Zonta will be conducting an advocacy workshop with visits to legislators on Tuesday, March 4 or Wednesday, March 5 preceding International Woman's Day.

The date will be decided once Representative Chris Taylor's plans for an official proclamation is determined. Yes! This year, prior to meeting with the representatives we have hired to represent our voices in Madison, we will be honored with an official proclamation, introduced to the assembly by Representative Chris Taylor and signed by a minimum of 15 supporting representatives of the Assembly! This means great coverage for the event and Zonta.

Your presence will make this event even better. So save the dates, plan on taking a working for women vacation day from your day job if needed and let's really make a ruckus in Madison in March! More info and details will be shared in the next two months. If you have questions or are interested in getting a particular issue or bill on the workshop agenda, contact Karen Hunt at 414-512-0049 or karen.hunt@resilientcities.org.

Zonta Says No

Reported Zonta Club of Milwaukee Activities for the "Zonta Says No" Campaign

- The Club purchased and distributed Zonta Says No orange ribbons to members.
- Topical speaker for the November meeting: Representative from the Sojourner Family Peace Center speaking about domestic violence and the many attributes of it.
- Collected and donated items for the Sojourner Family Peace Center.
- One of our members did a presentation on domestic violence at the Dobbs Family Center in Milwaukee.
- One member reported in about having a discussion with her brother to share the message about domestic violence. This resulted in him researching more on the ZI website and donating.
- One member shared the Zonta Says No information and ZSN links via an email to Zontians and Friends of Zontians.
- One member helped her daughter to use the Zonta Says No topic and information for a university media class projects/presentation. For this project, she needed to create a TV and radio ad, and share the information with the class.
- We had a ZONTA SAYS NO walk planned for December 8th , 48 blocks honoring the 48 WI women who died as a result of domestic violence in 2012. However due to a snow storm, we had to cancel.
- Facebook:
 - The Zonta Club of Milwaukee posted the Zonta Says No statuses for each of the 16 days, spreading the visibility to addition people.
 - Update the cover photo with a ZSN image, and our profile picture with the orange ribbon
 - Posted pictures of the collection/donations with the ZONTA SAYS NO banner.
- ZSN topics in the monthly newsletters.

Membership Corner

The Membership Committee is planning a "New" Member Orientation for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at my offices at 10150 W. National Ave. Suite 390. We have not held an orientation in several years and everyone is welcome, but the program is intended to provide information to members who have joined in the last 3 or so years. We will serve a light supper at 5:30 followed by an informal program from about 6 to 8 pm. We will be asking some of our longstanding members to participate in the program. Please let me know if you are able to attend and if you have specific questions that you would like addressed.

- Helen Ludwig

