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Wednesday, December 17th, 2014

Zonta Holiday Party

Who: Zonta Club of Milwaukee
What: Christmas Celebration
When: December 17th - 5:30pm
Why: To celebrate!
Where: Details Sent via E-mail

**Each member who plans to attend is asked to
bring one of the following:**

- Appetizer/Snacks
- Meat/Main Dish
- Salad
- Rolls/Bread
- Beverage (wine or soda)
- Dessert
- Paper Goods (plates, napkins, cups, utensils)

Please contact Barbara Wyatt Sibley or Lori Peterson
with your food item.

Activity

**We will have a white elephant gift exchange.
If you would like to participate, bring a regift
item wrapped to exchange. It should be fun.**

President's Message...

Greetings Milwaukee Zontians;

Christmas is upon us!! Let me remind you that we will not be having a formal meeting this month. Instead we will have our annual Christmas Social at the club house of Nell Kendrick, 3910 South Lake Drive in St. Francis, about 6pm on December 17th. If you have not given your Neu-Life gift to Joni R. or Cheryl N. yet, please bring it to the social. We planned to get the gifts to the children at Gwen Jackson School by December 18th. If you cannot join us on Wednesday, please drop your gift off at Neu-Life by 1pm on December 18, 2014.

Kudos to Karen H.-Advocacy Chair, Donna N.-Service Chair and Joni R.-Publicity Chair for the excellent club activity they facilitated at our last meeting. Our challenge was to see how the Zonta Club of Milwaukee could become more known within Milwaukee and its municipalities. We formed groups of individual interest in one of these three areas and brainstormed ideas/strategies in each group. Then each group presented their ideas/strategies to the club as to what could be done right now, very soon or later. We also discussed how areas of advocacy, service and publicity can collaborate and/or combine efforts so our club can meet ZI goals in this biennium.

On behalf of the Club Board of Directors, let me extend to all of you our heartfelt wishes that you have joyful holiday season, and a prosperous New Year!! We look forward to seeing you on January 28, 2015.

- Donna Kahl-Wilkerson



Meeting Minutes

**November 19, 2014
Reported by Helen Ludwig**

President Donna Kahl Wilkerson called the meeting to order.

Committee Reports:

- Fashion Show Committee report by Lynne Oehlke
 - Saturday, April 18 at the Marriot in Pewaukee
 - Vendors – Chicos & Soma
 - Letters regarding sponsorship, silent auction and raffle requests have been sent. Members should begin asking for donations.
 - Wine is needed for the wine pull. Donations should be given to Missy Creavy
- Scholarship report by Missy Creavy
 - New members are needed on the committee
- Service report by Cheryl Nowak
 - All the children have been selected for the holiday gift drive. Gifts can be delivered to Cheryl Nowak and Joni Reese at either home or office or brought to the December meeting.
 - Holiday gifts will be given to the children on Thursday, December 18 at Gwen T. Jackson school

Service commitment:

- The Club board recommended to the Club that the service commitment with Neu Life be continued for two more years.
- After discussion on the matter, Jackie Beaudry brought a motion, Zonta Club of Milwaukee continue its commitment to team with Neu Life for another two years.
- Pam Knackert seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

New Member Initiation – Krista Betts

Service Action Items – Karen Hunt led a working meeting to discuss the Club's commitment to Zonta says No.

- Members broke into 3 groups
- After discussion, the Club committed to the following action items during the 16 days of Zonta says No:
 - Content will be prepared to show problems with human trafficking and will be posted one per day on Facebook and Twitter. Donna Neal, Donna Kahl Wilkerson, Joann Comodore and Diane Lindsey will prepare the content and forward it to the PR committee for posting;
 - Content will be prepared to show problems with domestic violence and will be posted one per day on Facebook and Twitter. Joni Reese and Krista Betts will prepare and post the content;
 - At the conclusion of the 16 days, Carol Cline and Helen Ludwig will prepare an email including the content to send to the fashion show email list.

Meeting was adjourned.



Fashion Show Update

It's time to create and expand your guest list for the 2015 Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser. Our annual event not only raises funds to support the work we do on behalf of women and girls, it raises awareness and opportunity for those in attendance to be involved in a very personal way.

Tickets this year are \$60 per seat and can be given as a Christmas gift using the attached gift certificate (last page). For those on your Christmas list who would enjoy a morning of fellowship, fun, food, and fashion, your shopping has just been made easy.

YOU are the key. Your dedication is evident. Your passion is contagious.

Just a few ways to be involved:
Invite friends, family, neighbors, and everyone you talk to.
Fill a table (or more)
Create a themed basket for the raffle
Talk to your employer (past and present) about sponsorship
Volunteer to assist with day-of activities

**Saturday, April 18, 2015
10:30 am - 2:00 pm
Marriot West, Pewaukee, WI**

Service Corner

November Girls on the Run 5K

Several members and their families participated with the Neu Life girls on the 5K run.



Holiday Gift Giving

Our 2014 gift drive is approaching the finish line for the children at Gwen T Jackson Elementary for the annual Neu-Life holiday celebration. We have 76 cute children who have created a profile for Christmas wishes. The wishes range from Barbie, Nerf Guns, Frozen Dolls and footballs. Cheryl Nowak and Joni Reese will be collecting and organizing the gifts.

If you haven't already made arrangements to deliver your gifts, bring them to the Holiday Party at Nell Kendrick's on Wednesday, December 17. The Neu-Life holiday event will be held on Thursday, December 18th at the Gwen T Jackson elementary school site, where the children will receive and open their gifts. Anyone interested in attending the event, please contact Jody Rhodes..

Contact Cheryl Nowak with any questions on the holiday gift drive.

ARTREACH Pilot Program

We are piloting the ARTREACH program to educate youth about human sex trafficking. While the program is taking longer than expected, not unusual in ARTREACH rollouts, we are convinced that the important messages have been communicated to Neu-Life youth based on their individual art works, and we are poised to begin the collaborative art pieces in early January. We expect that we will have three or four paintings with anti-human trafficking messages to showcase by the end of February.

We are aiming to have a reception/event(s) of some sort to **showcase the artwork and raise community consciousness** about the dangers of human trafficking for our Milwaukee youth. First steps will be within Neu-Life's African History Month (February) and a Zonta meeting TBD.

We will be putting together a committee to brainstorm ideas and work with Neu-Life to pull off an event or other community educational opportunities at malls, etc. Lynn Oehlke and Jackie Beaudry have expressed interest in brainstorming some ideas. Anyone else interested, please let us know, as we'll be setting up a meeting to get some ideas together. January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, so that offers some possibilities. Clear Channel is a likely partner.

**Respectfully submitted,
Donna Neal, Service Chair**

Save the Dates

2014-2015 Club Meeting Dates – Normally the 4th Wednesday of the Month

12/17/14 3rd Wed - Holiday Social
1/28/15
2/25/15
3/18/15 3rd Wed due to facility scheduling
4/22/15
5/27/15
6/2015 TBD

Other Important 2015 Area 2 and District 6 Dates

March 7th: Zonta Zing – Madison
March 13th: IWD – Janesville
April 18th: Spring Fashion Show Fundraiser – Milwaukee
April 25th: Area 2 Workshop - Madison
April 28th: Tribute to Women – Beloit
Oct 9-11th: 2015 Fall Conference

PR Communications Update

Please make sure all members have their correct email on Zonta.org. This is imperative as those emails are used for communication from ZI, and communication from District. A District 6 newsletter is forthcoming and the ZI email list will be used for distribution. Stay 'in the know' by making sure your email addresses are up to date. Club lists were distributed at Fall Conference that represent what is currently on file at ZI. Donna has a copy if you want to check!

The PR Communications Committee is an extension of the Club and all other committees!!! Aspects include supporting activities for Service, Advocacy, Membership, Fashion Show and other committees or activities that may need PR or communications efforts. Today we primarily focus on publishing the monthly newsletter, maintaining the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Website, Facebook, and most recently by adding a Twitter account. Please engage us to help you get your message out. Newsletter articles are due on the 7th of each month.



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Pam Knackert
Dec. 3rd

Donna Neal
Dec. 5th



Susan Koepsell
Dec. 29th

Jacqueline Beaudry
Dec. 29th



Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest member, Krista Betts. Krista is a Marketing Specialist at Waukesha Bearings Corporation and came to us through a referral from Allison Summers at Zonta International.

We hope to have Deb Koller, a friend of Carol Cline's joining us soon and Gloria Jones a friend of Nell Kendrick's. Invite other potential members to our holiday get together and/or the January 28th meeting. And invite other potential members to our fashion show, that's a great way to get them to know about Zonta.

-Pam Knackert

Meet Our Member Barb Fitzgerald



Barb Fitzgerald has been a member of Zonta since 1999, serving as Treasurer, a Board member and on various committees. She appreciates the service and international opportunities that membership in the club offers, as well as friendships with the talented and diverse fellow Zontians.

Barb is completing 30 years working for the Lubar School of Business at UW-Milwaukee, where she currently holds an Assistant Dean position. In this role, Barb manages the School's Finances and Human Resources.

Barb also serves on the Pius XI High School Finance Committee.

Last February, Barb became a grandmother, a role she cherishes. In addition to spending time with her family, Barb enjoys golf and concerts.

Meet Our Member Karen Hunt



Karen Hunt was a Zontian a number of years ago and returned to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee in 2012. Since her return she has taken on leadership roles in the club by accepting a position on the Board and chairing the Advocacy Committee. As part of the advocacy committee, Karen worked on the International Woman's Day conference held in conjunction with all Wisconsin Zonta clubs last year, serving as the emcee for the workshop.

Currently working as the Development and Strategic Communications Manager for Center for Resilient Cities, Karen is committed to creating a more just and healthy world for all people and has a keen interest in bridging the racial divide that prevents people of color from reaching their full potential. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition and The East Bank Neighborhood Association and is active in the Race Relations / Community Affairs Committee of Professional Dimensions.

She and her three children (ages 15, 18 and 22) are avid sailors and spend much of their summer on Lake Michigan. She enjoys skiing, reading, writing, cooking and traveling.

Meet Our Member Maria Bellmann



Maria has lived in Wisconsin the majority of her life. She resides in Belgium with her husband, nine year old son, 2 dogs, and 2 cats. She is very family oriented, and values time spent with family. During the summer season, her mother and father live in the "Mother-In Law" suite.

Maria is a committed participant in a woman's bowling league, her average is 124, but she is faithful, and enjoys the sport.

Maria is a graduate of Marquette University, where she majored in Organization and Leadership. She is currently employed as an Information Technology (IT) Director, at Assurant Health, in their downtown Milwaukee office. Her interest and experience in information technology grew as she pursued studies at Marquette.

While a student at Marquette, Maria worked at an Information Technology firm, after graduating from Marquette, she continued to work as an IT consultant at various local firms, until she accepted a full time position at Assurant Health.

Maria became a member of Zonta in June of 2012. She desired to become a Zontian because of their local and international advocacy for Women.

Although a Wisconsinite for most of her life, one of Maria's goal is to move her family to Georgia.

News From the North

The “TLC Project” for the Family Crisis Center became the Service/Advocacy project to raise awareness of violence against women and kick off the “Zonta Says NO” campaign in Stevens Point. The women residing at River Point Oxford House helped assemble over 100 of these packets for the women at the shelter. Information about Zonta’s mission and programs was shared with these women at the weekly house meeting and packets were assembled on November 22. The residents were excited to participate in a project to give back to the community, as they are grateful for being given the opportunity to reside at River Point. We will be repeating this project in April as part of Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Items for the packets were provided by Zonta Club of Milwaukee members, with some additional travel sized items being donated by other Zontians at fall convention, Family Crisis Center Advisory Board members and friends of River Point. A big thank-you to Zonta Club of Milwaukee members for your donations!

The TLC’s were delivered to the shelter at the FCC Advisory Board meeting on November 25, the first day of the “Zonta Says NO” campaign. A picture of the completed project is on my Facebook page, with the Zonta Says NO banner. I plan to talk about the human trafficking and the posts on the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Facebook page at the December 9 River Point house meeting.

- Gail Zalewski



