

Zonta Club of Milwaukee



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***Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Meeting Speaker:
Claudine O'Leary
Topic: Human Trafficking***

Zonta Club of Milwaukee is excited to announce our speaker for the month of February is Claudine O'Leary. She will be sharing basic information and recent developments here in Milwaukee about Human Trafficking. Zonta Club of Milwaukee will be the first to hear what occurred, earlier in the day, at a conference she attended on human trafficking that was sponsored by the US Attorney's office, among other partners.

**Italian Community Center (I.C.C.), 631 E. Chicago
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202**

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Speaker: Claudine O'Leary

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and tip

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig or e-mail her with the cancellation of your standing reservation or any call-in reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, February 25, 2013.

Dinner choice: Pork tenderloin with dressing or Ravioli. Both entrees include dessert. Once reservations have been made, you will be billed for each reservation.



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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee is club #39, located in District 6 (Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana). The Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through June, for networking, dinner, program and business meeting.

*President: Joni Reese
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*For more information on Zonta, visit
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President's Message.....

Dear Zontians:

Happy February and Valentines Day! Wow, we have a lot of activities going on!

The ZCM "World of Fashion" Fashion Show Fundraiser is right around the corner. We have a team of women working feverishly to deliver a successful and fabulous lunch, fashion show, raffles, silent auctions, and wine pull. Please make sure to get your reservations in by Feb. 16th.

The Neu-Life Black History Month Celebration/Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, February 28th.

Diane has sent several emails regarding upcoming IWD events. The Zonta Area 2's International Women's Day event is planned for March 8th in Madison, and there is a free Milwaukee International Women's Day event being held on March 10th at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

Additionally, there is a "One Billion Rising" flash mob planned for Valentine's Day in many locations. Locally there is one at the UW-Milwaukee campus on Thursday at noon. On Facebook, we have a link to the Youtube link for the "Break the Chain" song that is being used.

In many other parts of the world, progress is being made with the "Zonta Says No" campaign to end violence against women. It is very inspiring and enlightening.

We CAN make a difference! Your involvement, leadership and participation is needed. Thank you for all you do, for women locally and around the world.

Joni Reese



January Club Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2013

5:30 pm Social, 6:00 dinner, speaker and business meeting

Welcome, Introductions and Dinner:

The meeting was called to order by President Joni Reese at 6:00. Guests were introduced and welcomed. After an inspirational reading, dinner was served.

Speaker:

Barbara Wyatt Sibley introduced the speaker for the evening, Pat Rowe, Marketing & Public Relations Manager at General Mitchell International Airport. Pat discussed the current challenges of the airport as well as future plans.

Installation:

Joann Comodore, CEO of Neu-Life Community Resource Center was installed as a new member to Zonta.

Updates:

Treasurer, Elizabeth Stull, announced that the dues letter will be sent out early because dues can be paid with a credit card at the Fashion Show on March 2, 2013. If you want to wait, you may do so because it is not due until the end of April.

Helen Ludwig, Foundation Board President, reported that the following organizations were selected to be supported by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee and will be receiving checks at Fashion Show.

- Neu Life Community Resource Center
- Our Next Generation
- Sojourner Family Peace Center
- Know Thy Self
- CORE/El Centro

Committee Reports

Service:

Donna Neal congratulated and thanked the club for providing gifts for 62 children at the Neu-Life Holiday Celebration.

Scholarship:

The application for the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship is on the website and is now being accepted. This scholarship is for high school graduates who are planning to continue their education. It is due in April.

Fashion Show:

Invitations were handed out to members that were present. An electronic reminder will also be sent. Reservations and monies are due by February 16, 2013. Timeliness is extremely important this year, we need to pay up front.

Volunteers to work the day of are needed as well as models. Please contact Elizabeth Stull for work duties the day of the Fashion Show and Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry or Joni Reese if you or have friends that would like to model.

Advocacy:

Diane Lindsley updated the Club on the Advocacy Platform and shared a number of upcoming events on Human Trafficking, ending the violence against women, and the Area Two International Women's Day event in Madison on March 8th.

Announcement:

Wen Lin will not be in attendance for the next two months, so Barbara Wyatt Sibley volunteered to check dinner reservations at the February Club meeting. Susan Koepsell volunteered to check reservations at the March meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Board Meeting: February 12, 2013 at the ICC
- Next Club Meeting: February 27, 2013 at the ICC

Upcoming dates:

- Reservations and \$\$ due for the Fashion Show by Feb. 16th!
- Neu-Life Black History Month Celebration/Banquet: Thursday, Feb. 28th
- "World of Fashion" Fundraiser – March 2nd at the Marriott (Waukesha)
- Zonta Zing (Madison) – March 2nd
- Area 2 Spring Workshop – April 6th hosted by Janesville.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 by President Joni Reese.



Your Corner on SERVICE

By Donna Neal and Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Service Co-Chairs

Service Calendar

Tuesday, Feb 26	<i>Annual Youth Art Show Planning Session</i>	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave., 6 PM
Thursday, Feb 28	<i>Black History Month Celebration & Banquet</i>	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave., 5-7 PM
Friday, March 1	<i>Neu-Life Benefit and concert</i>	Riverwest Public House Locust & Fratney, 8 PM on?
Saturday, March 2	<i>Art Show Marketing/PR</i>	Zonta Fashion Show
Saturday, May 11	<i>Annual Youth Art Show Fundraiser</i>	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave

Zonta members are helping Neu-Life turn its **Annual Art Show** into a more substantial **fundraiser**. The second planning meeting took place on Tuesday, Jan 22 with Jody Rhodes (director) and Joann Harris-Commodore (CEO) to brainstorm. A project plan is in development. Plans are coming along quite nicely. The date has been changed to Saturday, May 11, in order to use the upstairs facility at Neu-Life. The event theme will be *Water – The Fountain of Youth*, the fundraising target has been set, and the general structure of the event determined. A number of actions are underway:

- creating the art (ongoing since the fall) and a song (Jackson site)
- developing a logo
- a Save the Date card will be available shortly
- potential sponsor list
- invitation list
- marketing the event at a Riverwest Public House benefit and concert on March 1
- marketing the event at the Zonta Fashion Show on March 2

The next work group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 25 at 6 PM at Neu-Life. Anyone interested in joining the team or simply participating in the next meeting, please contact Donna Neal or Donna Conant. The next session will likely focus on developing the marketing and PR plan for the event and reviewing event logistics.

Thanks to several Zontians for picking up school supplies last month. Items are always needed through the school year as well as items that we will plan to collect in the summer for the **2013 Back-to-School Celebration** in August. Pick up items as you run into sales. Bring them to meetings and

they'll be collected/distributed as needed.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Always Needed

Filler Paper

Notebooks

Regular Pencils

Mechanical Pencils

Back-to-School Wish List

Backpacks (small and large for elementary and high school)

Regular Pencils

Mechanical Pencils

Pencil Pouches/Cases

Pens (Blue or Black)

Crayons

Markers

Colored Pencils

Pencil Sharpeners (basic ones)

Notebooks (wide or narrow ruled)

Loose Leaf Paper

Glue Sticks

Regular Glue

Erasers (pencil top or regular)

Scissors (kid size and regular)

Girls on the Run (5K race/walk) will be starting up again in the spring, once the weather is a little warmer. This was a fun and rewarding experience for Zontians who participated last fall, and in the spring there will be girls participating from both the Neu-Life main site and the Gwen T. Jackson middle school. Please consider joining in!

Our goal in the Zonta partnership with Neu-Life Community Resource Center is something for everyone, whether you want hands-on service or advocacy work, or to provide financial or professional support. Please sign up to support where you are able and interested, and feel free to give us (or any Board member) your feedback or other ideas.

We would 100% engagement. If you have issues or concerns, please express them directly to me or to a Club Board member, anonymously or otherwise.



Membership Corner

By Pam Knackert

Welcome to Joann Comodore who we installed at our January meeting and to Tracy Anderson who we will install at our February meeting.

Our Fashion Show is a great event to invite prospective members to, so as you fill out your table consider a friend, relative, neighbor or co-worker who would make a great member and invite them to the fashion show.

We need every member supporting the Fashion Show so that we can provide much needed funds to local agencies and Zonta International's service projects. If you can't fill a table then make a donation to make up the difference for the "donation" portion of the reservations.

Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser

By Carol Cline and Maria Bellmann

**Save the Date of Saturday,
March 2, 2013**

for our "*World of Fashion*"
luncheon, fashion show fundraiser.

**It will be held at a new location this year
Marriott Milwaukee - West in Waukesha
right off the freeway on Hwy F.**

Our fashion show fundraiser is earlier this year than in the past few years. The committee has been on task to make sure it is an event to remember and successful in terms of furthering our Mission.

It will take ALL OF US to ensure we raise enough money to provide financial assistance to programs for women and children in our community and through Zonta International.

YOU as a member of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee have an important role to play.

1. Attend the fashion show on March 2 at Marriott Milwaukee West.
2. Invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers,

and the person who does your hair, nails, gives you a massage, or checks you out when shopping – everyone.

3. Fill at least a table of 10 (\$50/each or \$500/table) and make reservations
4. Make a tax deductible donation in addition to your reservation.
5. Make a tax deductible donation payable to the Zonta Foundation if you cannot attend.
6. Donate items for the raffle or silent auction and bring to meeting. Identify companies or persons who might sponsor the event (beginning at \$100)
7. Volunteer for day-of activities
8. Donate at least one \$10 bottle of wine for the wine pull and bring it to the next meeting.

Reservations are due Sat. Feb. 16 so work on getting your table filled and the money in.



Violence Against Women – A Response from India

*By Mary Ann Tarantula
International UN Chair*

Many Zontians around the world joined the outrage of many millions of people when they learned of the rape and death of a 23 year-old woman in New Delhi, India. A new report proposing ways to tackle violence against women in India was praised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay who urged the Indian government to follow through with the Verma Committee's recommendations.

The report was produced by the Verma Committee, named after former Chief Justice Jagdish Sharan Verma. The report recommends a number of sweeping changes. They include punishment for marital rape, domestic rape and rape in same-sex relationships. They require police officers to record every case of rape. Those police officers who fail to register every case of rape reported to them face serious consequences. The report recommends that police and armed forces must be held accountable for sexual violence. It also recommends punishment for stalking and voyeurism with prison terms.

Thankfully the report also calls for changes in the way rape victims are treated. It changes the humiliating protocol for medical exams, cracks down on village councils which hand down their conclusions on such cases. Many times these village councils issue pronouncements against women. The report calls for improved sexuality education in both schools and communities. It asks for new legal requirements to ensure that people charged with criminal offenses may not hold political office.

"The Committee's recommendations are grounded in a framework of rights, equality and non-discrimination and represent a paradigm shift towards recognition of women as holders of rights, not just objects of protection," said Ms. Pillay. She continued, "The report should serve as a beacon for many other countries struggling to respect the rights of women more comprehensively by addressing sexual violence through legislation, policies and programmes.

Now we can only hope that the Verma Committee's recommendations are put into effect.



UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's Five Year Agenda

*By Mary Ann Tarantula
International UN Chair*

The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon recently discussed his five year agenda which concentrates efforts on working with and for women and young people. It has four parts. First is to deepen the UN campaign to end violence against women. He proposes that this can be done by increasing support for countries so that they may adopt legislation that criminalizes violence against women. Such legislation should also provide for reparations and solutions to victims. The legislation should also provide women with access to justice while it provides for pursuing and prosecuting perpetrators of violence against women.

A second part would promote women's political participation worldwide. This could be done by encouraging countries to adopt policies and measures that guarantee women's equal access to political leadership. Elections should be managed in a way that facilitates women's engagement in the political process and that will develop the capacity for women to become effective leaders. He emphasized his seven-point action plan on women's participation in peace building which could act as a focus.

The third step is to develop an action agenda for ensuring the full participation of women in social and economic recovery. A partnership with government, the private sector and civil society could help bring about changes in inheritance laws, wages, childcare and taxes.

The last step is to address the needs of young people. At present the world has the largest generation of young people that it has ever known. The focus on young people has to be deepened and must concentrate on employment, political inclusion, protection of rights and education, including reproductive health. The UN system will develop and put into place an action plan. In doing so it would create a youth volunteer program under the "umbrella" of the UN Volunteers and appoint a new Special Adviser for Youth.

The Secretary General has always pressed for more action in the realm of violence against women. Zonta's public relations plan, Zonta says NO, supports all that he has proposed. All of our districts and clubs should be emphasizing this plan.

UN Women and the Conference on the Status of Women (March 4-15, 2013)

*By Diane Lindsley
District 6 Advocacy Chair*

Zonta International recently signed onto to a letter urging the ratification of the CEDAW treaty. It was delivered to the US Senate.

USA Today Column: Why U.S. needs to ratify women's rights treaty

International pact would curb worldwide gender discrimination.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2013/01/06/emily-martin-and-arjun-sethi-on-womens-rights-treaty/1807767/>

One of the distinguishing features of American foreign policy is its claim of moral authority in the field of human rights. Our politicians regularly cite America as a beacon of freedom and as a champion of the cause of human dignity across the globe. Yet, in at least one important instance, America lags behind.

The United States remains the only industrialized democracy not to have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, a watershed international agreement that protects women and girls from unfair treatment and abuse. In fact, only six other states in the United Nations -- Iran, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia and two Pacific Islands -- have failed to approve the treaty.

Last week, a coalition of more than 100 organizations co-signed a letter urging the Senate to ratify the treaty in the 113th Congress. President Obama endorses ratification, and has identified the Convention as a multilateral treaty priority. The Senate must seize this moment, and ratify the women's rights convention. It must not play the same shameful partisan politics that it did with the disability rights convention, which it rejected just one month ago. The international bill of rights for women, as it's often called, was drafted in 1979 to help curb worldwide gender discrimination. A decade later, the economist Amartya Sen described the problem best when he noted in an article that more than 100 million women were missing from the world. Sen concluded that men outnumbered women because of disparate access to education, health care and

economic opportunity. There was also mounting evidence at the time that gender equality was correlated positively with economic development and democratic reform -- a principle now espoused by economists worldwide. The treaty recognizes that women's rights are human rights and, like genocide and racial discrimination before it, merit their own international commitment.

Countries that ratify the treaty agree to take "all appropriate measures" to ensure that women receive equal and fair treatment. They commit to providing periodic reports documenting their efforts to a 23-member committee, which makes recommendations regarding best practices. The committee has no enforcement authority and its recommendations are non-binding. Its power is persuasive and rests on an unwavering belief that self-evaluation and international dialogue leads to positive change for women and girls. Public reports make states accountable to the world, and empower NGO's and citizens, both at home and abroad, to take action.

Success stories from those countries that have already ratified the treaty abound. In 2005, Kenya ended inheritance discrimination against widows and daughters based on guidance from the committee. In the same year, Kuwait gave women the right to vote following the committee's recommendation. By 2009, each of Mexico's 32 states had adopted language from the Convention in legislation to end violence against women. Bangladesh has committed to eliminating gender disparities in secondary education because of the public dialogue emanating from its periodic reports.

Ratification will allow the U.S. to participate in this international dialogue, and stand up for women's rights. U.S. Ambassador for Global Women's Issues, Melanne Verveer, testified last year that U.S. ratification "would lend much needed validation" to women seeking greater political and economic expression in the Middle East in the wake of the Arab uprisings. As it stands, major human rights violators cite America's failure to ratify the treaty as evidence that women's rights aren't universal.

Approval of the treaty will also aid our own continued progress. According to the World Economic Forum's 2012 Global Gender Gap Report, the U.S. ranks 22nd in the world in gender equity. Domestic violence persists, pay discrimination lingers and the U.S. ranks last among all industrialized nations in maternal health. San Francisco has already profited from the Convention's time-tested processes. The city recently reduced gender discrimination in hiring and retention after passing an ordinance implementing the treaty's self-evaluation process on a local level.

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Critics have charged that the agreement undermines national sovereignty. Yet, the Convention relies entirely on voluntary cooperation and advisory recommendations. Should the U.S. ratify the treaty, our elected officials would be responsible for determining what measures are appropriate to advance its goals. The women's rights treaty affirms fundamental American values of fairness and opportunity for all.

In his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, President Obama declared that "America cannot insist that others follow the rules of the road if we refuse to follow them ourselves."

The time for rhetoric is over. If America seeks to promote the cause of women's rights, the Senate must take action and ratify the international bill of rights for women.

Emily Martin is vice president and general counsel at the National Women's Law Center. Arjun Sethi is an attorney based in Washington, D.C., and a frequent commentator on civil rights and social justice-related issues.

International Women's Day Events

*By Diane Lindsley
District 6 Advocacy Chair*

- ❖ By now, all of you received an email with the event **Area 2 clubs have planned for Friday, March 8th**. Pre-registration for the Workshop and Legislator Visits is required and the cost for the day, including lunch, is \$25. **Reservations are due by March 1st**.
 - For more information on the Workshop, Legislator Visits and Rally at:
<http://www.zontamadison.org>
 - Download our registration brochure at:
http://www.zontamadison.org/storage/IWDBrochure_2013_Final.pdf
- ❖ For those of you who cannot attend on March 8th, remember there is an event celebrating IWD on Sunday, March 10th at the Performing Arts Center's Bradley Pavilion from 2-5PM involving women from all over the metro Milwaukee area and representing many different ethnic backgrounds. There is no cost but you must register by using:
<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5366717998/eac2>

"Zonta Says No"

By Donna Neal

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee is looking to establish a **"Zonta Says No"** sub-committee to work on supporting this Zonta International effort through both advocacy and service. The goal of the international campaign is to dramatically increase awareness of the nature and scope of the issue of violence against women, and to inspire action to eliminate it. A Milwaukee Club Committee would determine how best to participate, but some ideas from the last Club Board meeting included identifying all the community activities focused on violence against women and establishing a strong Zonta Club of Milwaukee presence in each one – for example, walks like *Walk an Mile in Her Shoes* or *Take Back the Night*, finding out what's being done with *Purple Silhouettes* (of victims) and visibly participating, getting local sports teams to join in and generate lots of visibility as well as male involvement, etc. For more ideas, check out the **Zonta Says No** website at <http://zontasaysno.com>

Here's a great opportunity for a different kind of hands-on engagement! Diane Lindsley and I would be happy to support a working group in whatever way we can, but we need some other Zontians to step up to the plate to select and lead the activities. Please contact me or Joni Reese if you're interested in being part of this effort.

Zonta District 6 Website – Now Updated & Useful!

By Diane Lindsley

At a recent District 6 Board Meeting, the Board and Committee Chairs received training in WORDPRESS software so that we can now maintain our web pages, filling them with useful tools and resources as well as posting of news and events.

On the Advocacy pages, you can now find the 2012-2014 Advocacy Committee, Advocacy Platform, and the six Issues adopted at 2012 fall Conference. In News and Events you'll find articles about major initiatives. The Resources page contains advocacy tools, policies, links to Congress and the Advocacy-Service Planning Worksheet. The most exciting tool is the ability to post late breaking news a few minutes after it happens such as the Violence Against Women Reauthorization debate in the Senate on Feb. 8th.

Please visit www.zontadistrict6.org for the latest Advocacy news and resources.

***"Not For Sale": Wisconsin's
Response to Human
Trafficking
February 26th-27th, 2013***

*By Diane Lindsley
District 6 Advocacy Chair*

The Office of Violence Prevention is working with several state, local and federal partners to sponsor a conference - "Not for Sale": Wisconsin's Response to Human Trafficking" - on February 26 and 27, 2013.

The conference will include many well-known speakers and some victims of human trafficking who have presented at various conferences and other venues throughout the country. Programs include 4 plenary sessions and 16 different breakout sessions. We will also be providing a list of services available to assist victims of human trafficking.

The Human Trafficking Conference should be attended by law enforcement officers, prosecutors, Department of Corrections personnel, social workers, teachers and other school district personnel, recreational workers, community groups, faith based leaders hospital personnel, social services agencies and government officials.

The conference will be held at the Country Springs Hotel (2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee). The conference fee is \$35.00 per person, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch on both days.

***Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Meeting Schedule***

Please mark your calendars for future Zonta Club of Milwaukee meetings as listed below.

The remainder of the meetings will be scheduled for the Italian Community Center, unless we opt out for another location. The schedule is:

March 27: Carmen Pitre will speak on Domestic Violence

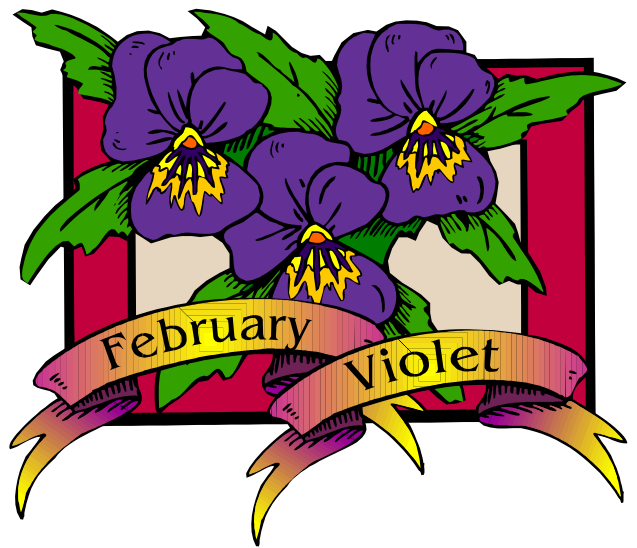
April 24: Annual Club and Foundation Meeting

May 22: TBD

June 26: Activity with Neu-Life

FEBRUARY Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Nola Hitchcock Cross

Connie Thoma

Beverly Conner

Joann Henry

Karen Hunt

Helen Ludwig

Elizabeth Stull