

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

BULLETIN

International District 6 – Area 2
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Guest Speaker: Ramon Candelaria

Community Director, Violence Prevention Initiative

Topic: Creating a Sustained, Multi-faceted Approach to Violence Prevention

The Medical College of Wisconsin and the Medical College's Consortium on Public and Community Health committed \$8.2 Million over the next 5 years to implement the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. Described as one of the most under-recognized major problem health problem in Wisconsin, this initiative will decrease rates of violence in identified areas of Milwaukee and possibly greater Wisconsin.

Ramon Candelaria, former Executive Director of the Latino Community Center, has been selected as the Director of Milwaukee's new Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. ZONTA members and guests are encouraged to attend our October 27 program. Mr. Candelaria will discuss the goals of YVPI, its expansive partnerships and its plans to implement violence prevention programs for youth, develop leadership capacity and strengthen our community capacity to prevent youth violence.

Italian Community Center (I.C.C.), 631 E. Chicago

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Guest Speaker: Ramon Candelaria

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

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig or e-mail her with your reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, March 21, 2011. 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.

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Membership Co-Chairs:
Claudyne Whitaker
Marianne Zapall
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*For more information on Zonta, visit
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Presidents Message.....

Dear Sister Zontians:

On March 8, International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. In adopting its resolution, the General Assembly recognized the role of women in peace efforts and development and urged an end to discrimination and an increase of support for women's full and equal participation.

International Women's Day first emerged from the activities of labor movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas. Increasingly, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. (Reprinted from the Zonta International website-www.zonta.org)

In addition, to celebrating International Women's Day, Zonta also celebrates Rose Day on March 8 of each year.

Zonta Rose Day was introduced at the 1984 Zonta International convention in Sydney, Australia. The Zonta symbol is the yellow rose, a reminder of the vital work Zonta does to advance the status of women locally and worldwide.

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President's Message Cont'd

These are both important events that identify who we are but more importantly why we exist and who benefits from our hard work. Let us continue to celebrate both these ideals through our dedication and through our giving of both volunteer hours and monetary support. You can support the Zonta Club of Milwaukee by ensuring you have a table of 8 filled for our annual Fashion Show fundraiser on April 2, purchasing raffle tickets and bid bid, bid on the marvelous silent auction items. The funds raised help local community organizations provide needed services to advance the status of women and assist young women in their educational pursuits through scholarships.

We need you and thank you in advance for your support!!! Let's make this year's Fashion Show the biggest and best yet.

Cheryl

Membership Corner

By Marianne Zapall

Our spring fashion show is just around the corner and in case your guest list isn't complete, think about asking someone that you think would enjoy becoming a member of our Zonta club. This would be a great opportunity for them to have a very nice day and to learn more about who we are.

After our fashion show the Membership Committee will be planning a membership reception in May. We have been doing a great job acquiring new members and let's continue this trend in 2011.

Don't forget to invite current members whom we haven't seen lately and/or guests to our club meetings.

Now it's time to think Spring!

Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

THE MONTH OF MARCH IS HERE

MARCH 13: Daylight Savings Time begins

MARCH 17: St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 20: First Day of Spring

***Set your clocks on Saturday night...SPRING FORWARD**

***Enjoy the GREEN as well as corn beef and cabbage on St. Patty's Day**

***Treasure Spring when it arrives as you experience WARMER weather, beautiful buds, colorful flowers, and spending more time outside truly enjoying nature!!!**

Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery for Sandy Miller who is recovering in Florida. Cards and calls full of love will make this happen!

ZONTA FASHION SHOW: enough said.

Happy Birthday to all MARCH ZONTIANS. May you be blessed to celebrate MANY more.

MAY YOUR LIFE ALWAYS BE FULL OF JOY, BLESSINGS AND HAPPY TIMES.

More Updates.....

Our sympathy to Cindy Talkovic on the passing of her mother.

Also see the April issue of the Milwaukee Magazine for an article on Super Seniors with our own Aileen Rockjordan one of those featured.



Zonta Fashion Show

By Co-Chairs, Pam Knackert and Laurie Ward

Well it's countdown time to our **April 2, 2011 "Fashions in Bloom" Fashion Show Fundraiser** at the Italian Community Center. Hopefully you have invited everyone you can think of - friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers. If not, you still have time or follow up with those you've already mentioned it to if you haven't received a response. We'd like every member to "sell" a table of 8.

If you haven't sent your reservations in yet, please get them in to Helen Ludwig no later than March 24th.

Remind your guests that there will be great raffle and silent auction items so they should bring their credit cards, checks or cash. We have fabulous jewelry items, great baskets, dining and entertainment gift certificates and much more. Bidding and raffles start at 10:30 a.m. Fashions by Coldwater Creek will follow a delicious lunch.

We still could use a few volunteers for the day of, so if you haven't volunteered please call or e-mail Donna Neal.

The wrap up Fashion Show committee meeting will be Thursday, April 7 at 5:30 at Donna Kahl-Wilkerson's.



Zonta Club of Milwaukee 2011-13 Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee: Christine Todd, Chair, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Marianne Zapall

According to Club By-Laws, Article VIII Nominating Committee, the duties of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

SECTION 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate one (1) or more members for each office or directorship to be filled at the annual election. No name shall be presented unless the nominee has consented to serve if elected.

SECTION 3. Report of the Committee. The Nominating Committee shall report the slate of officers and directors at the March business meeting prior to the Election Meeting unless otherwise directed by the Club. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

The proposed slate for the Club Board is:

President	Karen Coy-Romano (1 st full 2-year term as President)
President-Elect	Cheryl Lucas DeBerry (2-year term as President-Elect)
Vice President	Joni Reese (1 st full 2-year term as Vice President)
Treasurer	Elizabeth Stull (1 st full 2-year term as Treasurer)
Secretary	Victoria Frazier (1 st full 2-year term as Secretary)
Directors (3)	Margaret Aboagye – (1 st full 2-year term as Director) Kim Brinsko - (1 st full 2-year term as Director) Barbara Wyatt Sibley (1st full 2-year term as Director)

Club Directors continuing their terms are Demy Anfang (2012), Barbara Fitzgerald (2012) and Nellie Kendrick (2012)

The proposed slate for the Foundation Board is:

Directors : (3)	Donna Kahl-Wilkerson (2 nd 3-year term) Donna Conant – (1st full 3-year term) Susan Koepsell (1st 3-year term)
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Foundation Board Directors continuing their terms are Claudyne Whittaker (2012), and Linda Hext (2012)

Green Bay Packers present Award to Zontian Pam Knackert

By Christine Todd

Pam Knackert was honored with a 2010 Green Bay Packers Community Quarterback Award at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, WI on Friday, March 4, 2011. The Green Bay Packers organization gives back to the community in a number of ways. This award is one of them. It has been given to outstanding Wisconsin men and women who are dedicated volunteers in their community for the past 11 years. Last December, I was contacted by the Corporate Donations Supervisor asking for the name of an outstanding volunteer from the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. I nominated Pam for this award, designed to honor volunteers who exemplify leadership, dedication, creativity, and a commitment to improving their community through involvement in their non-profit organization. .

In the 25 years that I have known her, Pam was one of the first to raise her hand to assist in a project, present plans to accomplish the mission, and see it to completion.

Pam was recognized for her ongoing involvement with the Zonta Club and was presented with the Green Bay Packers Community Quarterback Award, and a \$1,000 grant for Zonta Club of Milwaukee by Jason Wied, Vice President of Administration/General Counsel for the Green Bay Packers, at a luncheon at the Legends Club in Lambeau Field in Green Bay on March 4, 2011. Collectively, the 20 honorees gave thousands of volunteer hours to their respective community.

Congratulations, Pam! We are proud of you and your volunteer efforts in the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, and happy that you are a part of our team. What better time to receive this award than in the year that the Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl XLV on February 6, 2011!.



***Pam Knackert and Christine Todd at the 2010
Green Bay Packers Community Quarterback
Award Presentation at Lambeau Field***

North American Inter- District Meeting

By Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

Plan now to attend the 5th North American Inter-District Meeting June 3-5, 2011 in Reno. The IDM pulls together Zontians from the 13 districts in North America for a weekend of learning and connections. Members of the ZI Board, including ZI President Dianne Curtis will be there. This time we are offered learning tracks for Advocacy, Membership, Leadership, and Public Relations.

Registration cost until May 1 is \$175 and rooms at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa are \$109. We need to get club members there to help us grow in these four key areas. This will be a great Zonta weekend getaway!

Please consider attending.

District 6 Service Committee Update

By Tamara Hagen

March! It's that lion or lamb time of year. It is also National Women's History Month. Originally, only March 8th was recognized as "Women's Day", which had its roots in the labor and feminist movement of the early 20th century. This day was variable celebrated throughout the 20th century but in 1975, the United Nations declared March 8th as International Women's Day. Many of our clubs have celebrations or events on that day but I'd like to consider the whole month of March as a time to celebrate women.

In 1978, the National Women's History Project was developed in northern California to address the fact that women's contributions to history were often ignored in school curriculums of the day. In 1980, President Carter declared the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. With more and more states declaring the month of March as Women's History Month, Congress finally declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity in 1987.

Women's History Month is celebrated in a variety of fashions ranging from local government proclamations to organizations running essay contests for school children. As a result, schools are including more information on women's contribution to history, science and the arts in their curriculum and libraries offer more resources that include women and their impact on history.

What can we do?

Personally, we could give a book celebrating a woman's accomplishments to a young woman or man in our live (yes, young men need to know that woman have been important in history too). Buy a stamp commemorating a notable woman and use it to send a letter to a woman that is important in your life.

As a club, the service opportunities could include sponsoring an event such as an essay writing contest at a local school or library, buying resource material for that school or library, and/or creating a display of notable woman for the school or library. Check out the Library of Congress website for further ideas.

Maya Angelou noted: "How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes". So find your "she-ro" and celebrate her accomplishments this month.

Zonta Scholarship Applications Available...Use the Web – Let your Contacts Know!

By Sandra Miller

Zontians, please let your friends and colleagues know about our Scholarship opportunities. We are looking to award leaders and currently seeking applicants for the Young Women in Public Affairs – due March 18, 2011.

Feel free to e-mail your friends and let them know more information is available at www.zontamilwaukee.org to receive the scholarship information!

Questions? Send your questions to our scholarship e-mail address: zescholarship@zontamilwaukee.org



Zonta Club of Milwaukee Photo Gallery



**Donna Kahl-Wilkerson and Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry
present the life of Bessie Coleman**



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**Donna Kahl-Wilkerson and Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry at
Zonta Zing**



Jackie Beaudry and Donna Conant at Zonta Zing



Upcoming Events ...

Club meetings will continue to be held at the Italian Community Center (ICC) on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

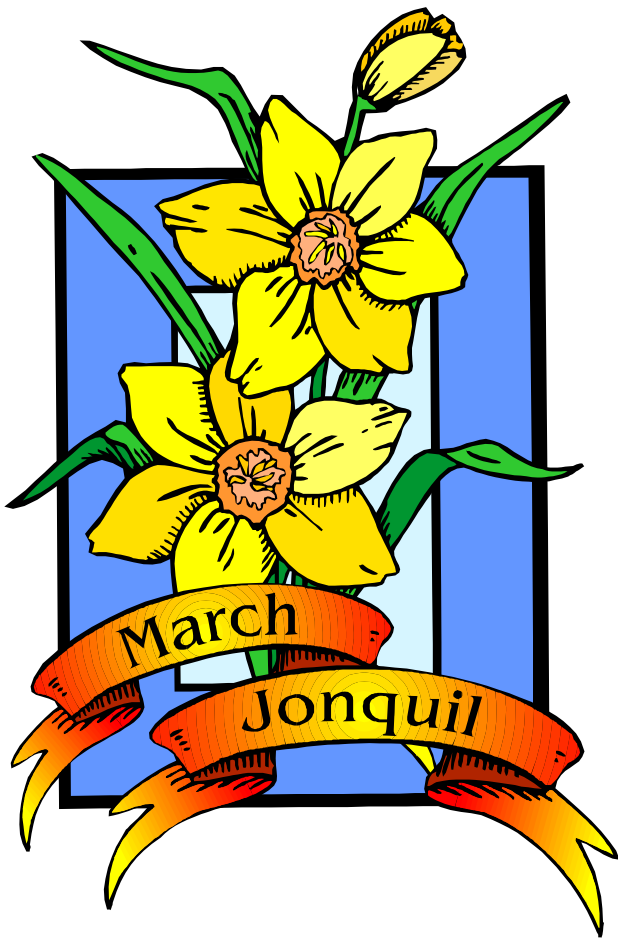
April 27

May 25

June 22

Zontian Events

April 9: District 6, Area 2 Spring Workshop
“The Dynamic Duo: Advocacy + Service at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI. Hosted by Zonta Club of Stevens Point. Registration: \$40 (includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MARCH

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

