

Zonta Club of Milwaukee



Zonta Club of Milwaukee
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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

BULLETIN

International District 6 – Area 2
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Wednesday, March 27, 2013

***Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Meeting Speaker:
Carmen Pitre, Director of the Sojourner Family Peace Center
Topic: Domestic Violence***

Zonta Club of Milwaukee is excited to announce our speaker for the month of March is Carmen Pitre.

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Speaker: Carmen Pitre

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, March 25, 2013. Dinner choice: Lasagna with and without meat. 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
Membership Chair: Claudyne Whitaker
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Newsletter deadline for articles is the 10th day of each month.

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President's Message.....

Dear Zontians:

Spring is here: St. Patrick's Day, Easter and warmer weather! It has been a busy month for the club!

The ZCM "World of Fashion" Fashion Show Fundraiser was a success! Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and money to deliver a successful and fabulous lunch, fashion show, raffles, silent auctions, and wine pull. We had a lot of positive feedback about the day. The team will be reviewing the comment cards and reserving a date for next year's event.

Additionally this month, there were several events attended by club members for International Women's Day, one in Madison and the one in Milwaukee.

The Spring workshop ("GAME ON!") is right around the corner on April 6th in Janesville. It would be awesome to have a good representation from the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. Reservations are due on 3/29.

And last, but not least, the Annual business meeting is coming up fast in April. I appreciate your support in selecting a nominating committee and can only hope for *enthusiastic yeses* if you are called upon for a potential leadership position on the Club Board or Foundation!

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



February Club Meeting Minutes

*February 27, 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 and welcomed. After an inspirational reading, dinner was served.

Speaker:

Kim Brinsko introduced the speaker for the evening, Claudine O' Leary of Rethink Resources. Ms. O'Leary is an independent consultant who works with local programs in Wisconsin and the Midwest to build their capacity and understanding of Human Trafficking. She shared the document "Not for Sale" which is Wisconsin's response to Human Trafficking.

Her discussion focused on gaining a basic understanding and awareness of Human Trafficking, policy and the clarification of terminology.

Treasure Update

Treasurer, Elizabeth Stull, provided the 2013 dues letter to members who were in attendance. Dues can be paid early with a credit card at the Fashion Show on March 2, 2013. Otherwise, it is due by April 24th. The dues letter will be emailed to Club members.

Committee Reports

Membership

The next Prospective Members reception will be planned for late either April or early May, in order to be able to include interested attendees from the Fashion Show.

Scholarship

All applications and information are posted and updated on the Website. The application for the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship is for high school graduates who are planning to continue their education and is due March 15th.

Program

Kim Brinsko announced that Carmen Pitre will speak on Domestic Violence in March. We will not have a speaker in April due to the Club's Annual Business Meeting.

Fashion Show

Plans are finalized for the Fashion Show and 253 guests are anticipated.

Advocacy

Diane Lindsley reported on the International Women's Day Event in Madison on March 8, 2013 which is also Zonta Rose Day. This will also be a great opportunity to meet with our legislators. One of the topics to be discussed is Human Trafficking.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Board meeting will be a joint meeting with the Foundation Board on March 12, 2013 at the ICC at 6:15.

The next Club Meeting is on March 27 at the ICC.

Upcoming Dates

- Zonta Zing in Madison on March 2, 2013
- International Women's Day Event in Madison on March 8, 2013
- International Women's Day Celebration March 10, 2013 at the Bradley Pavilion in Milwaukee. We are sponsoring this event at the patron level and will be sharing a table.
- Area 2 Spring Workshop on April 6, 2013 hosted by Janesville

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 by President Joni Reese.



Your Corner on SERVICE

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

Service Calendar

Tuesday, Mar 26	<i>Annual Youth Art Show Planning Session</i>	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave., 6 PM
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**. Plans are coming along quite nicely. **The next work group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 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. **At our Annual Meeting in April, we will discuss our past year's activities with Neu-Life and possibilities for expanding our involvement in the next year. Please come prepared to provide your ideas and feedback.***

And on a different note ...

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.

Membership Corner

By Pam Knackert

Thanks to everyone for your great participation in the "World of Fashion" fundraiser. It was a great success.

The membership committee is planning another Prospective Member Reception for **Wed. April 17, 2013** at Elizabeth Stull's home. (See enclosed invite). I have e-mailed members a copy so start inviting anyone you can think of that might be interested.

Some of your guests from the fashion show have indicated interest and most of you I've informed of that already so please send them an invite and do a personal invite as well. If there are others you know of that maybe attended the fashion show and would be good members please invite them too. And of course you can invite them to the March 27th meeting.

Also think of other relatives, friends and co-workers that you think would make good members and invite them. With the new Zonta year starting June 1 it's a great time to have them join. If they can't make these two events then invite them to the May 22 meeting since April's regular meeting will be all business.

Pass on our bulletin to prospective members as well so they can see what we are all doing.

Prospective Member Reception

By Pam Knackert

The Zonta membership committee will be having another Prospective Member Reception on Wed. April 17 at 5:30 pm at Elizabeth Stull's home. See attached invite.

Please invite anyone you know that might be interested in learning more about Zonta. For those who had guests at the fashion show that are interested please invite them (I have attached the list of those who indicated interest on their survey, but there may be others). You can also invite them to our March 27th club meeting.



**Zonta Club of
Milwaukee**

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**You are invited to the
Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Prospective Member Reception
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
5:30 p.m. socializing
(Light hors d'oeuvres will be
served)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program
at**

**Zonta Member
Elizabeth Stull's House**

**RSVP to Pam Knackert
by Saturday, April 13**

**Come learn more about
Zonta International and the
Zonta Club of Milwaukee, a service
organization whose mission is to
improve the status of women locally and
worldwide. There will be time for
questions and answers.**

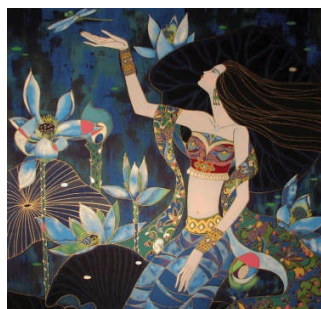
For more information about Zonta visit our website at
www.zontamilwaukee.org

2013 International Women's Day Celebration in Milwaukee

By Diane Lindsley
Zonta District 6 Advocacy Chair

"If I might thus speak to girls and women everywhere,
I would issue them this simple invitation:
My sisters, my daughters, my friends, find your voices!"

- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf



After social unrest surrounding women's vocal campaign for shorter workdays, better pay and voting rights, the first National Woman's Day was observed across the United States on February 28, 1909. The following year, an International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. Women from 17 countries unanimously approved a suggestion to hold an International Women's Day annually. The first International Women's Day was celebrated by Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on March 19, 1911. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination. In 1913, a decision to move International Women's Day to March 8 was made. It has remained the date of observance ever since. Since its inception 101 years ago, IWD has become a day of global recognition and celebration the world over.

On Sunday, March 10th, hundreds of men, women and children from many ethnic groups gathered at the Bradley Pavilion at the PAC from 2-5pm to observe International Women's Day with song, dance, poetry, food, and good fellowship. The event's highlight was a keynote address by Dr. Magda Peck founding dean of the UWM Zilber School of Public Health and a national public health leader with expertise in advancing the health of urban women, children and families. Her call to action against unequal pay, domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking was electrifying. She has lived in Milwaukee for just over a year and is still dismayed at the lack of collective outcry and resolve to eliminate these problems as well the racism of a hyper-segregated city such as Milwaukee.

Although the Zonta Club of Milwaukee did not have display materials ready, the Club was listed as a "Friend" in the Program. My hope is that a club member will come forward to develop promotional information that can be used at future events and that members will attend this event in 2014.

2013 International Women's Day Celebration in Madison

By Diane Lindsley
Zonta District 6 Advocacy Chair



This year's International Women's Day observance in Area 2 took place in Madison on Friday March 8th. It was produced by a committee from the Zonta Clubs of Beloit, Janesville, Milwaukee and Madison. The theme utilized Zonta International's anti-violence campaign:



The day included inspirational quotes from participants; presentations of issues on Domestic Violence by Tony Gibart of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, on Sexual Assault by Kelly Anderson of the Dane County Rape Crisis Center, and on Human Trafficking by Zontian JoAnn Gruber-Hagen; Advocacy Training by Sabrina Gentile of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families; one-on-one visits with our legislators or their staffs; and a Rally in the Capitol Rotunda. We also celebrated the passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act signed by President Obama that day. The event had 27 registrants, 23 of whom were Zontians, 3 were students in the UWM School of Social Welfare, and the President of the Madison Chapter of the International League for Peace and Freedom. We also accommodated a surprise visit by 15 women from ARC Community Services, Inc., a private, not-for-profit, 501(c)3 agency that provides innovative, women responsive, strengths-based, family focused, community-based wraparound services since 1976, to women and their children/families.

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Members of the Zonta Club of Madison were instrumental in making this event so successful, locating an excellent meeting room provided at no cost by Boardman & Clark LLP Law Firm across the street from the Capitol as well as developing training and informational materials.

The attendance and outcomes exceeded our expectations. Participants gained insights into three major advocacy issues and developed their advocacy skills through training and speaking with legislators or their staff. Each participant received a copy of the "Legislative Advocacy Guide" prepared by the WI Council on Children & Families. In turn, the legislators and staff learned more about International Women's Day and Zonta International.



JoAnn Gruber-Hagen of the Zonta Club of Madison: District 6 Wisconsin Advocacy Liaison and member of Slave-Free Madison



Diane Lindsley, Pam Knackert and Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry at the Rally (Karen Hunt also attended for part of the day but was not available for the Rally.)



Tony Gibart, Policy Coordinator at the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence



Kelly Anderson, Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center in Madison

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Schedule

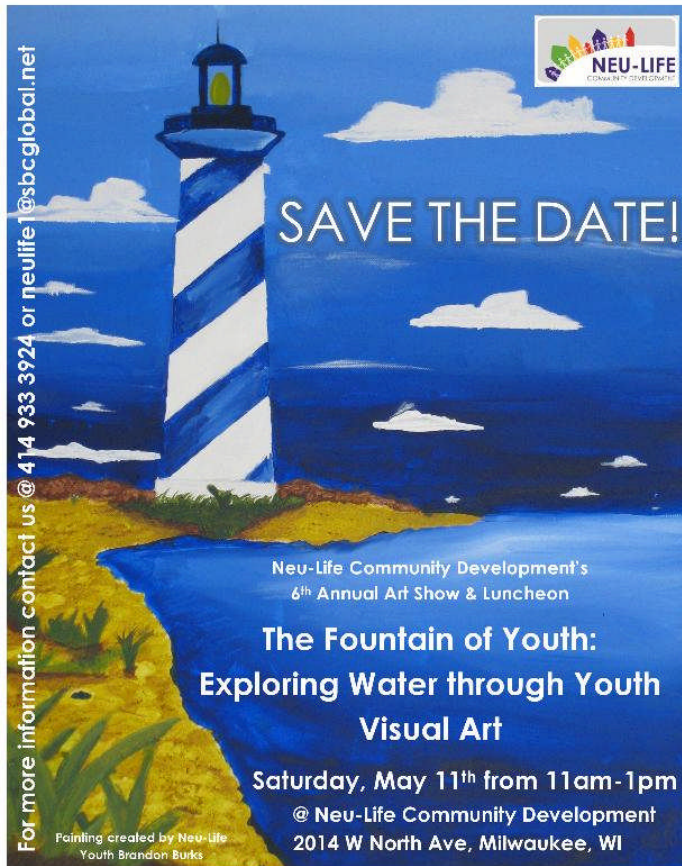
Please mark your calendars for future Zonta Club of Milwaukee meetings as listed below.

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

April 24: Annual Club and Foundation Meeting

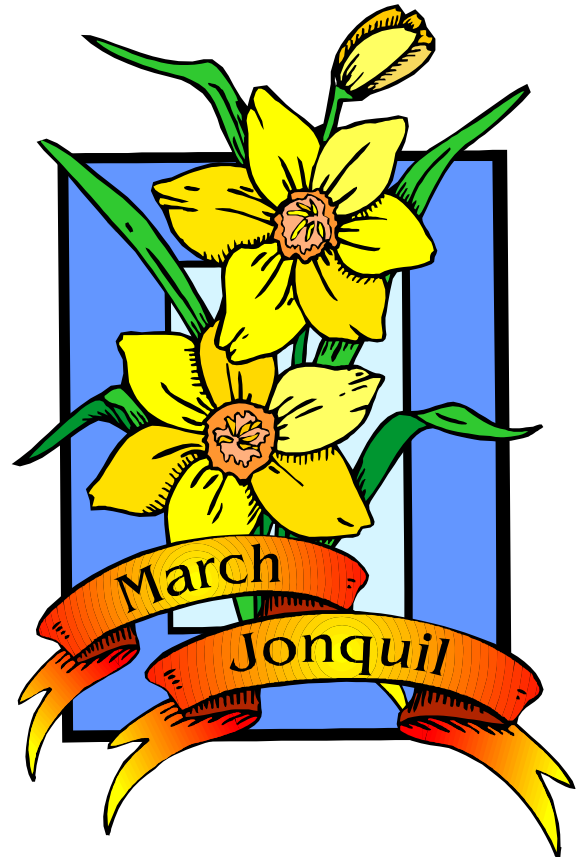
May 22: TBD

June 26: Activity with Neu-Life



MARCH Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

Zonta Club of Milwaukee



Zonta Foundation Inc.

Zonta Club Dues
For fiscal year June 2013- May 2014

2012 was a good year for The Zonta Club of Milwaukee! With the incredible support of its members and friends, the annual Fashion Show fund-raiser was a success and we raised approximately \$20,000 for the 2nd year in a row to fund our community and international efforts. We have a lot to be proud of - this is a great achievement and we could not have done it without you.

Additionally, we hosted the Area 2 Spring Workshop in March and the District 6 Fall Conference in October! This could not have happened without all of the great women who pulled together and dedicated their time and talents. Both events were extremely interesting and beneficial to those who attended. The entertainment provided by Neu-Life at the conference was a joy.

With the Club board's successful prospective members meetings and our excellent meeting speakers, we continue to attract and retain new members in the Club.

We are also extremely proud of the work the Foundation and Club Boards have jointly done in providing strategic direction and leadership to the Club. We have had many active service projects with Neu-Life this year: two Girls on the Run 5Ks, back-to-school backpacks, holiday sponsorship, and strategic planning efforts, just to name a few.

We look forward to another successful year as we continue to advance the status of women in our community and worldwide.

Dues and fees total \$170.00. **Make checks payable to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.** To avoid late fees and member reinstatement charges, your check must be received no later than April 24, 2013 (Which is our April meeting date).

The dues are calculated as follows:

International Dues	\$83
District Dues	27
Milwaukee Club Dues	<u>60</u>
Total – <u>By April 24, 2013</u>	<u>\$170</u>

Thank you,
Joni Reese, President
Elizabeth Stull, Treasurer

There are several ways to pay your 2013 dues this year:

1. At the Club meetings (by check) – March 27 and April 24.
2. At the Fashion Show (by check or charge) – March 2.
3. By mail before April 24, 2013.

Mail your check to: Elizabeth Stull, 3049 S 39th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215

Please note any changes/additions for name, address, phone, fax, email, birthday on this dues letter.

Zonta membership dues are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution, but may qualify as a business expense. Consult your tax advisor. If we do not receive your check on time, we cannot submit your name on the roster and Zonta International will not recognize you as a club member. If your check arrives after the April 24, 2013 deadline, you will be charged a late fee of \$15. If you need additional information for corporate reimbursement, please speak with Joni or myself by April 1, 2013.