



Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

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Wednesday, March 26th, 2014

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

The speaker for the March meeting is Andrea Ziel. She serves as the Executive Director for WomenOnCall. The topic for the evening will be skills based volunteerism and how to leverage your skills.

WomenOnCall is a unique, online network that connects women with specific volunteer opportunities that allow them to share their professional skills with nonprofits. They do this effectively and efficiently by aligning a volunteer's skills, expertise and interests with short-term, high-impact opportunities at trusted nonprofit organizations. Through on-site and virtual volunteer projects, WomenOnCall members provide skills-based service on their own schedule and on their own terms.

The dinner choices for the evening will be a garden salad with Tenderloin tips on pasta or a garden salad with eggplant roll ups.

5:30 - Social

6:00 - Dinner

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

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

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig (414-321-0078, Extension 114) or email her at hludwig@sbl-law.org with the cancellation of your standing reservation or any call-in

reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, Monday 24th, 2014.

Upcoming speakers for the year:

April will be our annual meeting and there will be no speaker that evening.

May and June will be announced at a later date

Thank You

Kim Brinsko

President's Message...

Hello Zontians!

Wow, we have a lot of activities coming up!

So far this month we have had the opportunity to celebrate Zonta Rose Day, the Zonta Zing, several celebrations of International Women's Day and the International Women's Advocacy Day on March 4th. Additionally, we had a successful anti-violence training session at Neu-Life.

Upcoming this week we have additional service/advocacy opportunities with our anti-violence/trafficking program on March 20th & 21st, and the Area 2 Spring Workshop is right around the corner on Mar. 22 in Beloit. Several from Milwaukee will be attending and representing the Club for the workshop breakout sessions...thank you!

Last but not least, we have the Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser on April 5th! The committee is still hard at work planning and preparing for the day. Reservations are due by the 22nd and can be made in the traditional way with checks/RSVPs via the mail, or this year you can also pay and RSVP online. This is our one big fundraiser of the year, allowing us to support women and girls both locally and internationally for the following year. Please invite your families and friends to attend. Thank you to all who are contributing your time and/or donations to make this a successful event.

I want to give a big thank you and shout out to our 2014 Nominating Committee, Donna Conant, Diane Lindsley, and Helen Ludwig, for their diligence pulling together a proposed slate for 2014. Thank you to the members who are willing to take on these future positions on the Club and Foundation Boards. Your enthusiastic willingness is greatly appreciated.

Let's build on our current energy and generate a productive and successful 2014! Thank you for all you do, for women locally and around the world.

Joni Reese

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2014

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. The guest was introduced. After the Zonta Blessings, dinner was served.

Speaker: The speaker was LeAnn Walker, RN and Nurse Practitioner, who talked about women's health, issues especially heart disease. Coronary heart disease is the #1 cause of death in both women and men.

Committee Reports

Service/Advocacy:

Neu – Life: Joann Comodore thanked the Club on behalf of the kids at Neu-Life for the holiday gifts. The kids thanked the Club by sending candy canes and thank you cards.

An educational curriculum will be used to implement a program on anti-violence/anti-trafficking. This first training session was conducted by Claudyne O'Leary on February 18, 2014 from 6-7:30 PM. Other opportunities (TIPS & ARTREACH) will be provided later in March.

International Women's Day: The Zonta Club of Milwaukee will support the Wisconsin Women's Health 2014 Summit by sponsoring a table to be shared with the Madison Club on March 11, 2014. Connie Thoma motioned that the Club reimburse Donna Neal for her sponsorship of the table on behalf of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. It was seconded by Donna Kahl – Wilkerson. The motion passed by the Club.

Karen Hunt shared the agenda for March 4, 2014 3rd International Women's Day of Advocacy Workshop in Madison.

Program: March's speaker will be Andres Kiel, Executive Director of WomenOnCall.

April is the Annual Business meeting; therefore there will not be a speaker in April.

Membership: Dues letters will be sent. Dues can be paid with a credit card at the Fashion Show in April.

Scholarship: Missy Creevy, the new chair of Scholarship, shared an overview of the scholarships and the committee's approach to reaching applicants.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship applications are due on or before March 15, 2014. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is \$500.

Fashion Show: The Fashion Show will be held on April 5, 2014 at the Milwaukee Marriott West. The vendors are Chicos and Soma. Invitations are out and reservations can be made on-line. Day of help is needed and a sign-up sheet will be provided.

PR/Web/Newsletter: The website will be updated with the scholarship applications.

Meeting Minutes Continued

The Nominating Committee is working to fill board and office positions.

Foundation Update: Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Foundation President, shared that the Zonta Foundation of Milwaukee will award grants to the following agencies: Neu-Life Community Resource Center, Sojourner Family Peace Center, Know Thyself, Our Next Generation and CORE/El Centro.

Upcoming Meetings

Foundation and Club Board Meeting - March 11, 2014 at the ICC

Club Meeting - March 26, 2014 at the ICC

Upcoming Events/Activities

March 1, 2014 Zonta Zing in Madison

March 4, 2014 International Women's Day Workshop at Wisconsin State Capitol

March 22, 2014 Area 2 Workshop in Beloit

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.



Fashion Show

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

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

Start inviting your friends and relatives to the event. Every member is responsible to sell ten tickets.

Make your reservations online or send them to Helen Ludwig

Reservation Deadline is March 22.

Tickets are \$50 a person and the event will have tables of 10.

The Fashion Show event begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Marriott West in Pewaukee.

Service Corner

News & Updates!

JOINT ZONTA/NEU-LIFE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation is supporting the Youth Anti-Violence Project, a collaborative effort among Neu-Life, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, and outside partners.

The project will be an ongoing, self-sustaining violence prevention program focused on sexual violence and human trafficking and targeting youth aged 10+. It will provide participating youth the skills to help keep them safe as well as the opportunity to make an impact in the larger community through awareness-building, peer advocacy, and/or service.

We will utilize (and customize) curricula called ARTREACH and TIPS, developed by Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (www.htap.org), a Zonta-driven effort in west Florida, to implement this program.

There will be opportunities for Zontians to be educated about trafficking during the course of the staff training events. There will also be opportunities for Zontians to be adult volunteer facilitators in the program for which training is required. You are not obligated to become a facilitator by attending the training.

Trafficking Training

Six Zontians and 15-20 Neu-Life staff and alumni attended the training/brainstorming session conducted by Claudyne O'Leary on February 18. The session was a real eye-opener! We brainstormed individual, community and institutional facets of violence; and then built a "tree" showing the symptoms and root causes of trafficking. We watched a video put together by FLY – Fearless Leading by Youth, a south-side Chicago youth organization that initiated a series of continuing demonstrations and advocacy for a Level 1 Trauma Center in their neighborhood. Afterwards, we talked about what made the FLY effort a success and what that means for us as we launch this program to educate Neu-Life youth about trafficking and sexual assault.

The Neu-Life staff and alumni were amazing – smart, savvy, engaged, thoughtful, critical thinkers, optimistic but pragmatic. The alumni who were there are students with artistic leanings who will be assisting in the ARTREACH program. (Actually, lots of the staff is alumni as well. Neu-Life "promotes" from within.) We can all be proud to be associated with a program that turns out young adults as strong and competent as these.

Feel free to ask about the program from any of the participants – **Donna Conant, Joann Harris Comodore, Diane Lindsley, Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Donna Neal, and Joni Reese.**

This week Claudyne will be conducting a similar session with the Neu-Life high school youth who will be part of the pilot ARTREACH program.

Service Corner Continued...

Other New & Exciting Events to Come!

TIPS Session

Nola Theiss from HTAP will be in Milwaukee and lead us through the TIPS program on **Thursday evening, March 20 from 6-9 PM at Neu-Life**. This session is relevant to anyone who wants to be educated about human trafficking (what does it really look like?) or wants to become a stronger advocate. We will discuss real life scenarios and later learn what really happened. This training is an ideal follow-up to the February 18 session; however, **all are welcome**.

ARTREACH Training

We will launch ARTREACH at Neu-Life with a Train-the-Trainer program run by Nola Theiss on **Friday, March 21 from 8:30-4:00 at Neu-Life**. In this all-day program, the Trainers (staff, alumni, and adult volunteer leaders) go through the entire program as the youth will.

In the course of each ARTREACH program, youth work in 3-6 teams producing collaborative art pieces and one adult or staff/alumni volunteer works with each team. If you elect to be an adult volunteer, the time requirement would be 1 -2 hours per week for each week of the five-week session. All are welcome to attend the training even if you do not plan to be an adult volunteer in the actual training.

ARTREACH Program

ARTREACH is an interactive creative arts program that has been developed by Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships designed to instill a sense of awareness about human trafficking in our community's boys and girls (middle and high school age) and to empower them to become peer spokespersons. The participants learn about modern day slavery, human trafficking, and how art has been used to raise awareness and affect social issues. The students are taught about the risk and vulnerability factors associated with human trafficking. The program works with participants to create art by discussing ideas, putting thought on paper, and actually creating a finished work of art. The kids have full artistic freedom. Works of art are reproduced and displayed to the broader public at churches, galleries, conferences, etc. to generate more awareness.

TIPS Program

The TIPS experience provides a safe and controlled environment for participants to hear the beginning of actual trafficking scenarios – e.g. being lured by a friend, through offers of love, protection or by opportunities that seem too good to be true. At the end of the experience, the participants have the opportunity to hear what actually happened to the victims they just heard about in the various scenarios. Participants are given the opportunity to develop the program through their input and to build new simulations or write additional scenarios. Participants are taught about trafficking and leave the TIPS program with laminated cards with actual tips they can use to protect and prevent themselves from becoming victims of human trafficking.

For more information about the ARTREACH or TIPS programs, visit www.htap.org or contact Donna Neal for more detail.

Service Corner Continued...

CAREER EVENT UPDATE

The Career Event we will be sponsoring with Neu-Life youth will now be scheduled for July, to tie in with a week long career programming planned for two Neu-Life sites this summer. Stay Tuned!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

For the most part, the school supplies from the Back-to-School Backpack drive are holding up pretty well, but the Neu-Life youth are running short of **looseleaf paper and folders** – and yes, they are being used for schoolwork. A lot of homework going on! If you run into a sale or want to pick up either, you can drop them off at Neu-Life or just bring them to our next monthly meeting.

GOT PAINT?

If you have flat (not enamel) paint sitting around in your basement that you don't plan to use, we will be able to use it in the ARTREACH program. Call Donna Neal and she'll arrange a pick-up, or bring it to any monthly meeting from now on. The program will be ongoing and so will the paint collection.

- Donna Neal

Save the Date

March 22nd - Area 2 Spring Workshop in Beloit

April 5th - Fashion Show Fundraiser

June 27th to July 1st - Zonta International Convention in Orlando, FL

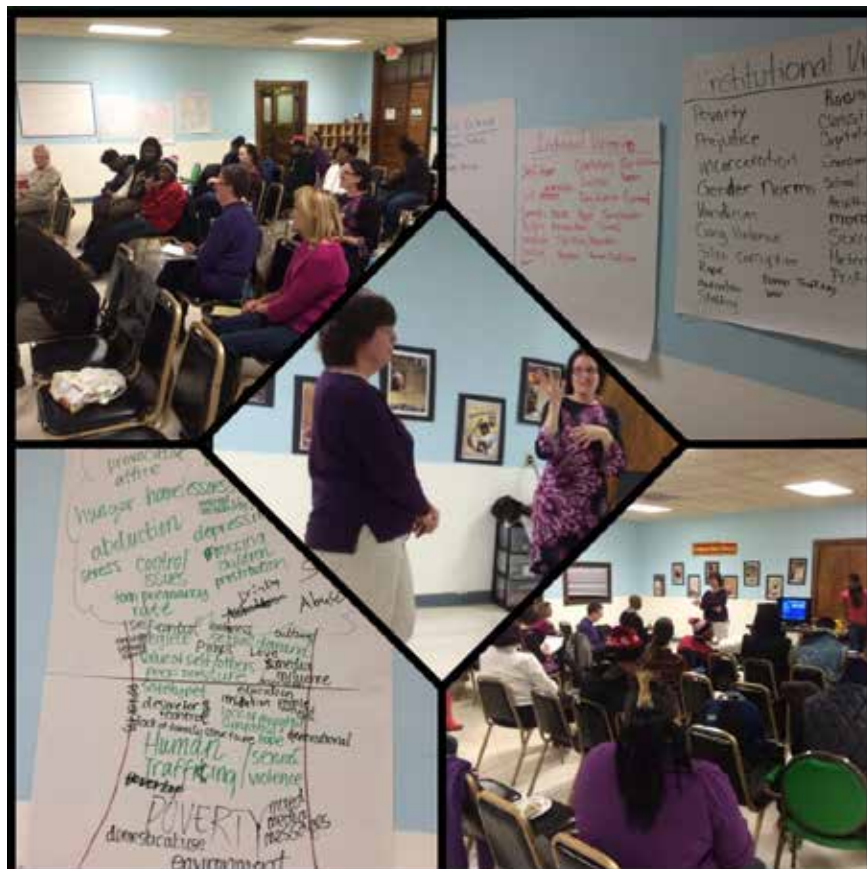


Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry
March 30th

Thank You from Neu-Life



*Neu-Life Anti-Violence
Training Session*



Advocacy Corner

Zonta Clubs of Wisconsin Host Third Annual "Day of Advocacy" on March 4, 2014: Zonta Clubs of Beloit, Janesville, Milwaukee and Madison join forces to challenge the status quo and inspire legislative action.

Early on a snowy March morning, 39 women attended this year's Day of Advocacy workshop in the North Hearing Room of Wisconsin's State Capitol. The workshop is held in close timing to International Women's Day (March 8th) and is designed to educate and mobilize action on key legislative issues affecting the safety and security of women and girls in Wisconsin and covered topics on Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Women's Economic Security. Following presentations by experts on the issues, each woman in attendance met with legislators in their home districts. In total, 11 State Senators and 14 State Representatives received visits from women who attended our workshop.

A special highlight of this year's event, in addition to the location, was the press conference in the Assembly Parlor. The press conference highlighted a joint resolution co-sponsored by Rep. Amy Loudeneck and Rep. Chris Taylor officially declaring March 8th as International Women's Day. It is interesting to note that the press did not show up but when we found out why, we felt the message of "Inspiring Change" was somehow getting through to our elected officials. As you may recall, March 4th was also the day the Assembly threw out of office their leader, Rep. Bill Kramer, on allegations of sexual harassment. He was replaced by the first woman in Wisconsin history to hold the assembly leader position, Rep. Patricia Strachota. So, while we were not the biggest news to hit the Capitol that day, women certainly ruled the day!

A special thank you to my fellow planning committee colleagues JoAnn Gruber-Hagen, Fatou Ceesay and Kathi Vos (Madison); Donna Ambrose, Arlene McMorrin and Shirley Fischer (Beloit); and, Chris Goepfert (Janesville) who made this a fun event to plan and attend. And an even bigger thank you to my fellow Milwaukee Zontians Jackie Beaudry, Donna Conant, Kristen Greinwood, Joann Harris-Comodore and Donna Neal for braving the blizzard like morning conditions to travel to Madison to advocate on behalf of women and girls in Wisconsin. Because of you, our elected officials understand that women's issues are important to all Wisconsin-ites. Because of you, our elected officials understand better the importance of their votes supporting the end of violence against women, the end of slavery for women trapped in human trafficking exploits and the importance of securing the economic status of women in Wisconsin.

Because of you, women's voices were heard throughout the Capitol because together even a whisper is a roar!



Figure 1: (left to right) Rep. Loudeneck staffer, Kathi Vos, Rep. Chris Taylor, Fatou Ceesay with the official proclamation declaring March 8th as International Women's Day.



Figure 2: (left to right) Kristen Greinwood, Donna Neal, Jackie Beaudry, Joann Harris-Comodore, Donna Conant and Karen Hunt hard at work preparing to meet with their legislators.

International Women's Day Advocacy Workshop



March 4, 2014

Karen Hunt, Emcee with class!

Karen, thanks for doing an outstanding job as emcee for our workshop, and recruiting Martha DeLaRosa to speak to the group. You have such a positive way of keeping the group on schedule.



International Women's Day

An International Women's Day Program March 8, 2014 entitled "Why Women, Why Now" was sponsored by The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Greater Milwaukee UN Association, 9 to 5, and Womanspirit at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Milwaukee's East Side. Donna Kahl-Wilkerson and I attended, representing Zonta.

After a film by Janet Fitch "Why Women, Why Now" that featured interviews with prominent elected officials who support more women entering the political arena, a panel of women activists discussed women's issues. Three of the panelists are familiar with Zonta because I've worked with them on human rights and human trafficking efforts.

In a segment called "Connect the Dots", the audience spoke out on issues they felt were important to the community. I spoke of Zonta's ties to the United Nations and our Club's current anti-violence/anti-trafficking programs with Neu-Life. Audience members were impressed with our efforts and commitment.

At lunch, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson discussed women's issues and Zonta with LaShawndra Vernon, a United Way of Milwaukee Program Director and with Izmira Aitch, Constituent Liaison/Outreach Specialist for Rep. Gwen Moore.

Diane S. Lindsley



An International Women's Day Program March 9, 2014 entitled "Inspiring Change: Connecting Our Voices" was organized by members of several Milwaukee women's organizations, including myself representing the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. Held at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, the event was free thanks to sponsors and featured Dr. Joan Prince, Vice-Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and Ambassador Emeritus & Alternate Representative of the 67th General Assembly of the United Nations, as keynote speaker. Donna Neal and I attended.

Dr. Prince was followed by various ethnic singing and dance groups interspersed with intergenerational exchanges of wisdom by Jewish, Palestinian, Hmong and Sierra Leone elders and their grandchildren or nieces.

"We come together today to learn and to savor the many communities from which we come. In doing so, we strengthen ourselves and each other and learn about how we can work together to build a world which meets the needs of all who inhabit it. A great deal of work remains to be done. As we join our voices, let us also take steps to accomplish that work."

Diane S. Lindsley

Nominating Committee Report for the 2014 Election

Proposed for election in April, 2014 are the individuals listed below as "New":

Club Board – New Club Officers:

Donna Kahl-Wilkerson – President (2014-2016)

Carol Cline – President Elect (2014-2016)

Victoria Frazier – Vice President (2014-2016)

Diane Lindsley – Treasurer (2014-2016)

Judith Lehman – Secretary (2014-2016)

Club Board – New Directors:

Barbara Fitzgerald (2014-2016)

Helen Ludwig (2014-2016)

Elizabeth Stull (2014-2016)

Continuing Board members:

Maria Bellman (2013-2015)

Judy DuSell (2013-2015)

Karen Hunt (2013-2015)

Zonta Foundation Board – New Directors [The Foundation Board elects its own officers.]

Jackie Beaudry (2014-2017)

Susan Koepsell (2014-2017)

Cheryl Nowak (2014-2015)

Lori Peterson (2014-2017)

Continuing Foundation Board Members:

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry (2012-2015)

Christine Todd (2013-2016)

Pam Knackert ((2012-2015)

Missy Creevy (2013-2016)

Connie Thoma (2013-2016)

Nominating Committee:

Donna Conant, Diane Lindsley, and Helen Ludwig

March 15, 2014

2014 Scholarship Opportunities

Our Zonta Club of Milwaukee is again offering four scholarship opportunities in 2014 through our Zonta Foundation. The upcoming ones are listed below. Members are encouraged to promote these scholarships to their colleagues, contacts at area high schools, colleges/universities and other non-profit organizations. Further information and applications are available on our website: <http://zontamilwaukee.org/OurScholarships.htm>

Women in Technical Specialties (\$1,000) Applications are due May 28, 2014

This scholarship is aimed at low income or otherwise disadvantaged women. Its purpose is to support technical and vocational education of women in technical fields including (but not limited to): Health Occupations, Computer & Electronics, Mechanical, Plumbing and Other Non-traditional Technological Fields. Applicants must show evidence of dedication to advancing the status of women.

Women in Science (\$1,000) Applications are due May 28, 2014.

Students ready to enter their third or fourth year of an accredited undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must have an outstanding academic record and demonstrate intent to complete their chosen program.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business (\$1,000+) Applications are due May 28, 2014

Women studying business at the undergraduate or master's level and who show outstanding potential in their chosen field of business are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must currently be in at least their second year of an undergraduate program when they apply. Applications are due on or before May 28, 2014.

(Note: The local scholarship winner's application will be forwarded to Zonta District 6 for consideration for selection to compete for one of the twelve \$7,000 international scholarships that will be awarded by the Zonta International Foundation.)

Shout Out to Zonta Club of Milwaukee...

HOLIDAY 2013 THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to those who helped make the holidays a wonderful time for the families we serve. We are wholeheartedly grateful to everyone who generously adopted a family, donated gifts, or made a financial contribution during the holiday season. We would like to offer special thanks to Aurora Health Care for the use of their space along with Sharain Horn and Susan Wright for assisting in the coordination of our Holiday Gift Drive.

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