

Zonta Club of Milwaukee



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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Speaker: Ms. Valerie Kupczak, Horticulturalist

As the weather is getting warmer and our thoughts drift to summer days and relaxing in the backyard. Does that nagging question keep resurfacing? -----What can I do different with my flower beds this year?

Maybe this month's speaker can help you answer your questions or provide you with a new idea or two. Ms. Valerie Kupczak will be the Speaker for the May meeting. Val presently is the horticulturalist for the Villa Terrace and was working on the National Botanical Gardens in Washington, DC last year.

So enjoy a relaxing and inspiring meeting that may lead to a makeover for your yard.

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Speaker: Ms Valerie Kupczak

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, May 21, 2012. 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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President's Message.....

Dear Zontians:

The year is winding up very fast. We have been extremely busy and many women in our community and around the world have benefited from our hard work.

The Fashion Show-our annual fundraiser was a rousing success. Thank you to Pam Knackert and Carol Cline who were the co-chairs as well as all the committee members who worked so diligently to make this a great event in fact our highest attendance ever!! Those who helped on the day of activities, thank you also.

The Spring workshop was one of the final four events, and the fashion show was another. Here are some details for another one of our "final four":

The 2012 ZI Convention is less than two months away. Here are just a few of the exciting events you won't want to miss!

- Opening Ceremony - hear Keynote Speaker Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women
- Flag Ceremony - enjoy the colorful flag parade, featuring the flags of Zonta's 63 countries and flag bearers in the traditional dress of the countries they are representing
- Open Forum - get answers to all your Zonta questions!
- Business Sessions - hear about Zonta's international service projects, ZISVAW projects and educational programs!
- Closing Banquet and Installation Ceremony - recognize Zonta's outgoing leadership and welcome the leaders for the 2012-2014 Biennium (reprinted from the May Zonta e-newsletter)

Donna Neal and I will be representing the Club as delegates while Donna Conant and Sandra Miller will serve as alternates. We will share what we learned and continue to advance the status of women in Milwaukee and the world.

The last of the "final four" events will be the Fall Conference which will be held in Milwaukee on October 5-7. The co-chairs for the event are Sally Bean and Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry.

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President's Message...Cont'd

Watch for more information soon and find out how you can help make this another wonderful event sponsored by the Milwaukee Club with the assistance of Clubs in Wisconsin. Don't forget, when asked to serve, "Enthusiastically say YES!!!!"

Thank you for all you do, I truly appreciate you.

Cheryl

Membership Dues

By Elizabeth Stull

Hello Ladies – it's that time again! After May 1st, dues increased by \$15 and are now \$185. Please mail a check for \$185 to me at the address below. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued involvement and support!

(If you have decided not to go forward with Zonta please let me know that so that I can inform Membership. Hopefully not! Thanks.)

Membership Corner

By Pam Knackert

Thanks to those members who welcomed 7 prospective members at the prospective member reception on May 9. Special thanks to Susan Koepsell who offered her condo community room and to those members who contributed to the food, beverage and participated in the program.

I know these are very interested ladies and hopefully we will have several of them join us at our May meeting. Those of you who had prospects there please follow up with them. Also please invite any other prospective members that weren't able to make this event to our May meeting.

Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

MAY flowers from April (and May) showers....welcome to the MONTH OF MAY!! Ya' think Spring has sprung??

Enjoy and celebrate Mother's Day; National PTA and Teacher Appreciation Week; Armed Forces Day; Bike Month; Nurses Day and Memorial Day during the month of MAY!!

If you were not there, you missed it! If you were there, you enjoyed it and celebrated the people, clothes, good food, raffles, and a great skit that was perfect for A PASSPORT TO FASHIONS. We were "over the top" for this fashion show and congrats to all who had a part in putting it together for a "smashing success" for Zonta. TEAMWORK does it every time!!!!

Thanks to the Membership Committee and other Zontians for their participation and presence at the Prospective Member Reception at the Glendale Lakes Condo Party Room for potential new members. It was great to see new faces of potential "new members" and to socialize with all! Thanks to all who made this event possible on Wednesday, May 9th a big hit! A special thank you to our hostess at the "Clubhouse", Susan Koepsell!! A big thanks to Pam Knackert for filling in for me.

Please remember to keep our members in your prayer, visit/call/sent cards to those who are on the road to recovery and those that we do not see very often. Do try to "reach out" so we can see more members at our monthly meeting.

Trivia: May is one of the two months that is a verb. The other month is March.

Wisconsin is the only state that ends in "sin."

Continue to be a blessing to others.

WE ARE AT OUR BEST WHEN WE ARE SERVING OTHERS.



Zonta Fashion Show

By Carol Cline and Pam Knackert

Thank you for all your support on the "Passport to Fashion" fundraiser April 21, 2012. It was a great success. We had record attendance (just over 300) and we netted close to \$20,000 which will be split 1/3 for Intl'l projects and 2/3 for local projects. Special thanks to the fashion show committee for all your hard work. And thanks to all of you, your family and friends who helped day of and supported with attending, bringing guests, donating, etc. and to the models for a great job. Chico's & Soma's fashions were a big hit this year.



Zonta District 6

2012 Conference will be held in Milwaukee, October 5-7, 2012

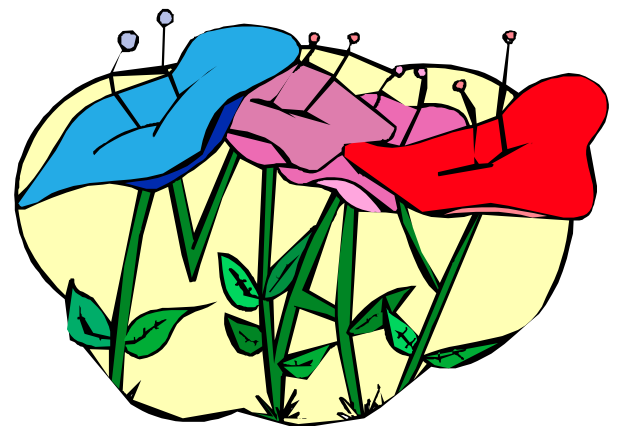
By Donna Conant

Milwaukee's Ramada City Center will be filled with Zontians from District 6 Clubs in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin on the weekend of October 5-7, 2012 as they gather for their Annual District conference.

Co Chairing the event are Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, finishing up her term as president of the Milwaukee Club, and Sally Bean, past governor of District 6 and member of the Janesville club, under the leadership of incoming District 6 governor Linda Hiltabrand of the LaSalle-Peru club.

Zonta District 6 Conference will literally "fill" the hotel, as it is the only event at that hotel that weekend, and all meeting rooms and some "public" areas – will be reserved for Zonta's use.

All Milwaukee Zonta club members are requested to hold these dates on their calendars, as the Milwaukee club, together with the other clubs in Area 2 (Wisconsin) host the event. We will learn more shortly as the planning is stepping up with the incoming 2012-2014 District 6 Board meeting for the first time May 18-19, 2012 at the Ramada City Center, located at 633 West Michigan. Many thanks to the club members to volunteered to help with the event at our April meeting.



Service Partner Selected!

By Donna Neal, Co-Chair Service/Status of Women

Our search process is now complete! Thanks to all who were present at the Annual Meeting and so thoughtfully and actively engaged in the partnership discussion, and who then signed up for service activities!

At the meeting, the Club decided to pursue a partnership with Neu-Life Community Resource Center. At the end of six months, we will evaluate our bandwidth and assess whether we can add ONG as a second partner.

The upcoming service activities for the spring and summer are:

- **Thursday, May 24 – 6th Annual Youth Art Show**, 4:00 – 7:00pm, Neu-Life main site at 2014 North Avenue. Attend the event and bring friends. Check out the youth art (some for sale) and fashions, and begin to get acquainted with Neu-Life and its youth. The theme this year is Reduce/Reuse/Recycle, so we're in for some very creative work!
- **Saturday, June 2 – Girls on the Run 5K Race**, at Veterans Park. Cheer on the 6th – 8th grade girls who have been practicing so diligently this spring! Or join them in the race yourself!
- **Wednesday, June 27 – Wellness Wednesdays Kick-Off**, at Johnson Park, 1:00 – 4:00pm. This summer Neu-Life will offer health and wellness programming every Wednesday. Volunteer at this event – serve food and/or help provide adult leadership for the various activities.
- **Thursday, August 23 – Back to School Celebration**, at the main site location at 2014 North Avenue. We will be collecting book bags and school supplies from Zonta members and “encouraging” retailers to make donations, so this work will begin in the next few weeks.
- **Make It Rain Barrels** – A new business started by tens which will be “going live” in the fall with the Neu-Life teens selling their custom-painted rain barrels. Zontians will provide ad hoc business advice and consultation including being a critical audience for their business plan pitch.

The Joint Board Task Force will now become the Service/Status of Women Committee for the Club. Donna Kahl-Wilerson and Donna Neal have agreed to co-chair the committee. We are looking for other members, especially those who will take responsibility for the various activities from time to time.

More volunteers are needed and /or welcome for all these activities! Contact Donna Neal to sign up or volunteer to lead.

Donna Neal will coordinate the projects coming up most quickly-

--the **Annual Youth Art Show** and the **Girls on the Run Race**. Expect to hear a bit more on logistics in the next week or so. These are easy – it's just about showing up and showing support!

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate participation in the **Wellness Wednesdays Kick-Off**.

We are also looking for a volunteer to lead the **Back-to-School school** supplies collection and participation at the August event. This is a great opportunity to get to know and work with Jody Rhodes, the Neu-Life Director and a fabulous woman, and an opportunity to make a significant contribution toward youth educational achievement.

Only a few Zontians have signed up for the **Make It Rain Barrels** project to date, and this is a project uniquely suited to Zonta Club members' professional and business skills and experience – we have so much to offer, so sign up today! The timing and degree of involvement is very flexible on this one, and it will provide an opportunity for very positive and constructive interactions with teens.

Keep the communication going – and let's start putting our actions where our words used to be!

Upcoming Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Meeting Speakers

By Kim Brinsko

Barb and I would like to inform you of who the speakers will be for the rest of the year.

May is Valerie Kupczak, Horticulturalist.

June is our fun month. The activity for this month will be announced later.

September is Rhonda Matthews Ware, Research Center for Woman and Girls at Alverno College,

We hope this helps you with your planning for the coming year, as well as assist you in inviting your guests.

Jacqueline Beaudry Nominated for Woman of Influence Award

Zonta International Director and Zonta Club of Milwaukee member Jacqueline (Jackie) Beaudry was nominated for the Business Journal of Milwaukee's Woman of Influence Award this spring. She was recognized by Zonta leaders at the International, District and local levels for inspiring those who work with and around her.

While not selected for the 2012 award, the nomination and consideration in the competition are testament to the high regard in which Jackie is held by sister Zontians and leaders in the community.

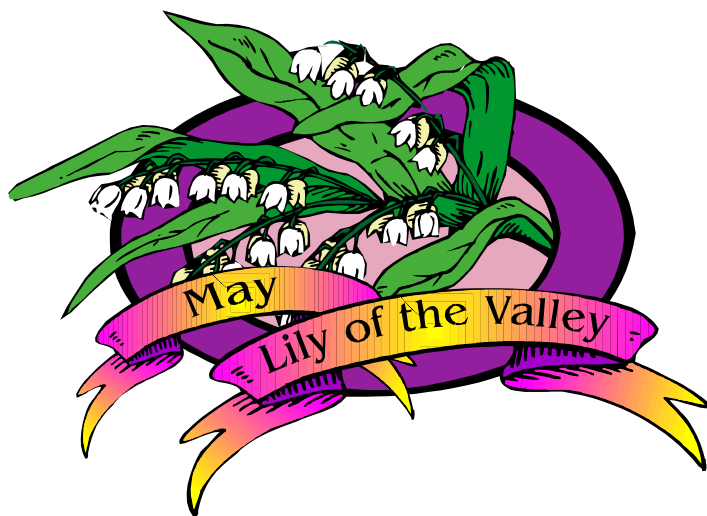
“Jackie's actions, encouragement, kindness and persistence result in others taking action and joining together to make a difference both locally and in our global community. She is a woman of absolute integrity, warm and wise, who leads with both head and heart. Passionate in her commitment and belief in the power of women to change the lives of women around the world, she has a unique ability to see the strengths and possibilities in those around her and to marshal their skills and talents to the task at hand. She demonstrates these traits across a wide range of roles, regardless of position or formal authority, always resulting in performance and outcomes stepped up to new heights.”

Jacqueline Beaudry has held and continues to hold a number of volunteer leadership positions within Zonta International, an organization of women in business and

The professions dedicated to improving the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. She currently holds the position of International Director, one of eleven elected members of the International Board, and serves as Chairman of the Zonta International Foundation Development Committee. She has held a number of leadership positions in our local Zonta Club of Milwaukee, its 501 (c) 3 foundation, as well as at the state and regional levels.

The Business Journal announced winners in an April 26 web announcement and in a full-page ad in their April 27 publication. Please see:
<http://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/blog/2012/04/business-journal-announces-women-of.html>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Carol Cline

