

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, November 16, 2011

Speaker: Gigi Pomerantz

Gigi's passion is the people of Haiti and improving their lives and the quality of their life.

She is also the founder of Youthaiti.

She has just returned from Haiti and is planning to share her story as well as tell you her mission for Youthaiti and the progress that they have achieved and their dreams for future visits.

We look forward to seeing you on **November 16th**.

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – *Speaker: Gigi Pomerantz*

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, November 14, 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.

President: Cheryl Lucas DeBerry

Membership Co-Chairs:

Claudyne Whitaker

Marianne Zapall

Bulletin Editor: Joann Henry

Newsletter deadline for articles is the 10th day of each month.

*For more information on Zonta, visit
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Presidents Message.....

Dear Zontians:

November is the month where we typically celebrate Thanksgiving but where did the tradition come from. Let's take a trip back in history to find out.

Thanksgiving's Ancient Origins

Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

As an annual celebration of the harvest and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores. (*History.com*)

As you can see, Thanksgiving celebrations, the act of giving thanks, are more global than we may think. How does this relate to Zonta? I'm glad you asked. Who gives us thanks as Zontians?:

- The women and children in Rwanda who are benefiting from the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV and gender based violence through the funding provided by Zonta.
- The women in Guatemala City and San Salvador, El Salvador who have safer cities and a reduced risk of violence through funding provided by Zonta.
- The women in Liberia who can now receive the proper medical care in well equipped facilities and the necessary aftercare with the elimination of obsteric fistula through funding provided by Zonta.

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- The women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda who are benefiting from comprehensive strategies implemented to end acid violence and other forms of burning against women and girls through funding provided by Zonta.
- The women and girls in Haiti who are being empowered to ensure an increased capacity to provide services to victims of gender-based violence and support for women's economic livelihoods through the funding provided by Zonta.
- The women who receive Amelia Earhart Fellowships to continue to pursue their goals in the areas of aerospace related sciences and engineering
- The young women who receive the Jane M Klausman scholarship to continue reaching for their aspirations in the field of business
- The young women who receive the Young omen in Public Affairs award to continue their work in volunteerism and dedication to the advancement of the status of women
- The young women in our Z and Golden Z Clubs who are provided opportunities to gain valuable leadership skills through service and advocacy.

We as Zontians have a lot to be thankful for since we have an opportunity to benefit from the many thanks all around the world. I am thankful to a part of such a wonderful group of women who are dedicated to advancing the status of women in the Milwaukee area as well as worldwide. Thank you for being a valuable partnter in the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Cheryl



Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

NOVEMBER, a month to be thankful for: The end of Daylight Savings Time, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. Let's all count our blessings and make it a point to be a blessing to others. Enjoy THANKSGIVING DAY with friends and family and be BLESSED.

Many, many thanks to all who participated in the Prospective Members Reception on Wednesday, November 2, 2011. Whether you brought food, prepared refreshments, gave a presentation, physically participated by just being there or supported us in other ways, the Membership Committee thanks you for a most successful evening with several potential Zontians present. A job well done. Thanks again for YOUR TEAMWORK!!

A Great Big THANK YOU to our hostess Susan Koepsell for the use of her condo's party room!

Please remember to volunteer (if you have not already) for our upcoming activities, conferences and workshops.

In order to succeed, we need to do all we can for a fabulous 2011-2011 Zonta year.

Let any member of the Membership Committee know if you have any ideas or suggestions for us. If you would like to have any info printed in the newsletter, contact Marianne or myself to accommodate you. Remember to return your responses to the survey per Marianne's request. Your cooperation will be most appreciated.

Happy Birthday NOVEMBER ZONTIANS. Enjoy!

THERE ARE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED BY LISTENING TO OTHERS.



Membership Corner

By Marianne Zapall

Our Membership Reception was held on Wednesday, November 2 at Susan Koepsell's party room at her condo complex. It was a dark and dreary day/evening but what a wonderful time we all had hosting the prospective member reception. Thank you to all who participated.

We had approximately 12 club members and 7 prospective members in attendance. Packets about Zonta were given to our prospective members along with a prospective member form. Please follow up with any guests you had there to remind them of our November meeting and ask them to attend. We are hopeful to receive a few completed forms for presentation to the board for approval in the next month or so. There was a lot of interest in our being a global club, as well as what Zonta represents.

Please note that if you go to our Members' page on the website and are unable to get in using the password of Bessie, please try bessie.

Don't forget to invite friends, co-workers, family and members you may have noticed that have not been attending our meetings.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends!



Zonta Fashion Show

By Carol Cline and Pam Knackert

Save the Date of Saturday, April 21, 2012 for our "Passport to Fashion" fashion show fundraiser. It will be held at the ICC. Chico's and it's sister store Soma's will be our vendor for the show.

Hopefully you are already lining up who to invite and with the holidays upon us mention it to all you see to save the date. Maybe as a Christmas present to someone on your list you can tell them they can be your guest at the fashion show. Each member will be responsible to sell a table of 8.

Let Pam or Carol know if you know of a company or someone who might be interested in being a sponsor for the event. Sponsorships can range from \$100 and up.

You should have received via e-mail the solicitation letter and donation form so you can start asking places you frequent for a donation or donate something new yourself. Laurie Ward will be collecting items at the meeting.

We will have our next committee meeting on Wed. Nov. 30 at Carol Cline's office.



Zonta Foundation— Action Required

By Donna Neal

The 2011 application for grant money for 2012 is now available. Any member who knows of an organization aligned with Zonta's goals that (s)he believes is possibly worthy of a grant from the Milwaukee Zonta Foundation, Inc., may forward an application directly to that organization (application attached), or request that the Foundation Board forward an application to that organization – forward request electronically to Donna Neal. We want to surface as many worthy applications as possible in these economically troubled times. In the past, grants have typically ranged from \$1000 to \$3000 annually over 1 to 3 years, though past actions are not necessarily predictive of future decisions. This year, the Foundation Board will give extra weight to applications that address issues facing girls or young women in Milwaukee, in line with the strategic direction of the club. The application due date is December 15.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sandra Miller

