



January 2026

Area 2 • District 6

January 28th Club Meeting via Zoom

~~ RSVP & Vote Requested ~~

The meeting Zoom will open around 5:45 PM for members to join in social conversation before the meeting which starts at 6pm.

Topic: Zonta Club of Milwaukee Centennial Project and Fund Allocations

At the January 28th Club meeting, we will vote to decide which Signature Project we'll adopt. Even though we'll meet via Zoom, please RSVP for the January 28th Meeting.

The Centennial Committee will be presenting two projects which will be put up for a final vote to determine our signature project for our Centennial Celebration Fundraiser. As a reminder our goal is to raise \$100,000 to make a significant impact in our community through our signature project. We will also be discussing timing of awards from the 2025 Fashion Show fundraiser funds.

Your voice is needed, please make every effort to attend.

Zoom link in email

As a reminder the February and March meeting will also be held on Zoom due to dark evenings and questionable roads.

2025–2026

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Future Dates:

February 25 - Zoom

March 25 – Zoom

**March 28 Area 1 Spring Workshop
Belvidere, IL**

**April 22 – Annual Business Meeting
New Berlin Library**

**April 28 – Prospective Member Reception
New Berlin Library**

May 27 – TBD

June -TBD

President's Message



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Dear Milwaukee Zontians,

Happy New Year and Happy 100th Birthday!

It's that time of year when many of us are setting new goals or making resolutions for the year ahead and that's great! New Year's resolutions rarely work for me, however. I start out strong, but by mid-February, they seem to fall apart. My new approach is to set intentions, generally less defined and for a shorter period of time. Instead of resolving to walk 10,000 steps seven days a week, a goal I will likely fail, I may wake up in the morning and set an intention to get outside, take a walk, and enjoy nature. I may or may not walk 10,000 steps, but I won't beat myself up if I only walk 3,000 steps. I've still benefited both physically and mentally. I may set an intention to look for opportunities to perform random acts of kindness. Too loosey- goosey for some and no way to run a business, I get that, but as a retired woman, it's a mindset that works for me and I'm sticking with it.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines intention as "an aim that guides action; an objective." The way I see it, much of the work we do in Zonta is intentional and not always measurable. We may not see the results of our efforts, but we intend that our work and contributions will result in a better life and positive outcome for others.

One of my intentions for the new year is to be a team player and celebrate the successes of others. Abby Wambach, U.S. Soccer Champion, explains how to work together as a successful team in her book "Wolfpack: How to Come Together, Unleash Our Power and Change the Game." Abby describes how she "points to her teammates who assisted when she scored a goal." This is an inspiring book, applicable to the work of Zonta, and I highly recommend it.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mangold
President Zonta Club of Milwaukee





Happy 100th to Us!



January 2026

Dear President of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee with a copy to Governor of District 6,

Congratulations to you and the members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee on your 100th anniversary! You can be proud of the impact that you have made in your community and within the large network of Zonta in the decades since your club was chartered. You have undoubtedly made a difference for many women and girls.

As you celebrate this milestone, we must also look forward to the future and see how your club will continue to elevate Zonta's presence and participation in the global conversation on women's rights and gender equity.

When we add your actions to those taken by other clubs around the world, we can see the importance of Zonta's impact. We also see that Zonta International is needed now more than ever. Around the world, women and girls face increasing challenges due to gender-based violence, climate change and threats to their human rights. However, we are a strong community of committed individuals working together at the local and global levels to fight for equality while addressing these issues.

Collectively with more than 1,100 clubs around the world, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee has contributed significantly to building a better world for women and girls. Each member is the heart, soul and hands of our organization, and I am deeply grateful for your continuous dedication and support.

I know that we will reach our goals and fulfill our mission because of clubs like yours! Today, filled with the Zonta Spirit, let us celebrate your club and keep working for that better world.

Once again, congratulations on your meaningful anniversary. I wish you continued success. Let us all together build a better world for women and girls!



Warm regards,

Salla Tuominen
President, 2024-2026
Zonta International & Zonta Foundation for Women

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Membership

Don't forget to invite your friends or relatives who indicated interest in Zonta at the fashion show (or anyone else interested in Zonta) to our January 28th Zoom meeting and February and March. In January we will be working on our strategic plan which may give them a good start as to what and who we are.

We also will be holding a Prospective Member Reception on Tuesday, April 28th at the New Berlin Library. So also invite any prospects to that as well. We will have a special invite available around mid- February.

Z Club Update

Nothing new to report as the new school term has just begun and the club has not met in January. Watch this space for upcoming date for joint Club/Z-club meeting at the University School of Milwaukee in the Spring.

Club Updates



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Service

Thank you to all who donated fragrances to the Waukesha Women's Center at our December social!





Centennial Celebration Update

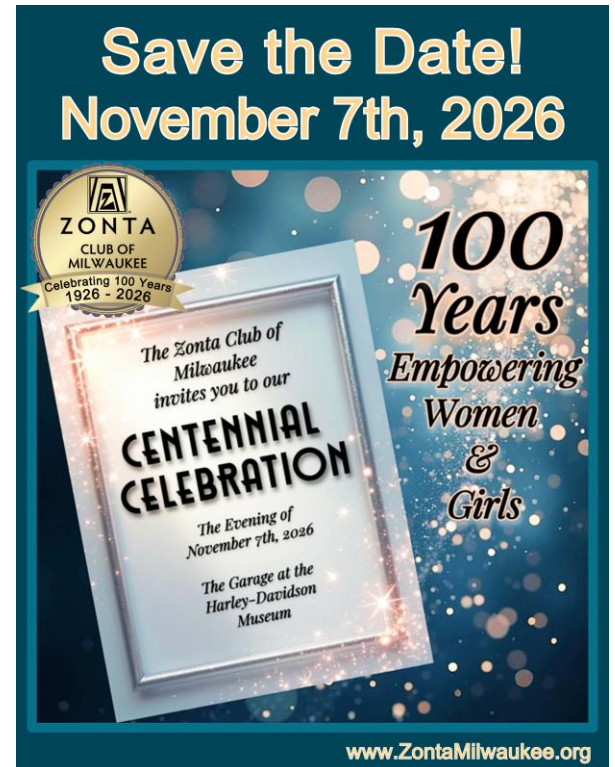
Committees are assembled and at work. If you aren't on a committee yet, join one. We need your help.

Fundraising has developed strategies and lists of potential sponsors/donors. **History** has been going through archives, and crafting stories to share – showing where we've been, where we are going, and our impact in the community. **Logistics and Venue** have met at The Harley Davidson Garage. **Program & Entertainment** is setting the stage for an unforgettable event. **Publicity** launched our media campaign on our 100th Club Anniversary on January 8th. Publicity is setting a strategy to connect with each of the other committees to increase our visibility and our impact as we continue to serve Greater Milwaukee.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS – RSVP for the January Club Meeting

We have narrowed our Centennial Signature Project down to two choices. On January 6th, we emailed both proposals to every Club member for review and comment. The deadline for comments is January 20th.

At the January 28th Club meeting, we will vote to decide which Signature Project we'll adopt. Even though we'll meet via Zoom, RSVP for the January 28th Meeting.



Centennial Fundraising Committee



Please review the list of Wisconsin companies sent out earlier to let Pam know if you have a personal contact for any of them. Those companies in our area will be sent a sponsor solicitation letter in late January or early February as well as the companies we solicit normally for the fashion show. If you have any other suggestions of who to contact for sponsorship please let Pam, Jackie or Donna C. know. Also, we will be sending out a draft solicitation sponsor letter later in January for input.

We will also be soliciting items that may be grouped into bigger items for a silent auction at the event. If you have any connections to get Packer Tickets, or other high-valued items please let us know. We will be sending out the general solicitation in July.

Any other ideas or suggestions, please let Pam, Jackie or Donna C. know.



Advocacy

Bills seek to boost trafficking victim help

A bipartisan group of Wisconsin lawmakers is seeking to expand protections for victims of human trafficking with a package of bills recommended by a task force that studied the issue. Wisconsin received a grade of “F” from an analysis of state laws by the anti-trafficking organization Shared Hope International. The bills would:

- Direct the state Department of Public Instruction to work with the Departments of Justice and Children and Families to develop age-appropriate human trafficking and sextortion awareness curricula for grades 6–12 and require licensed school employees to receive training on identifying signs of child sex trafficking and sextortion among students.
- Establish a grant program that would provide \$2.5 million in funding to help assist nonprofit and faith-based organizations that provide services to victims of sex trafficking.
- Expand the options available for victims of child trafficking to pursue civil action.
- Add the crime of keeping a place of prostitution to the list of sex offenses that require registration as a sex offender.
- Expand the list of locations the state DOJ must encourage to display posters providing human trafficking hotline information.
- Require courts to provide child victims or child witnesses of human trafficking with courtroom supports found necessary to “support the health, safety, or liberty of the child” and found to be in the interest of justice.
- Seal the identifying information of child victims and child witnesses in human trafficking cases, barring their disclosure to the public without a court hearing that considers the child’s safety and health.

Last year, Gov. Tony Evers signed into law several measures designed to combat human trafficking and further prevent child sexual abuse. Those laws:

- Created a 23-member Human Trafficking Council within the state Department of Justice.
- Allowed children who are victims of human trafficking to testify in private.
- Gave law enforcement increased access to the cell phone locations of people in immediate danger.
- Expanded the definition of child pornography to include digital or computer-generated images “that contain a visual representation that appears to depict an actual child engaged in sexually explicit conduct,” even if it does not depict an actual child, in an effort to prohibit computer-generated and artificial intelligence-generated child porn.

Jessie Opoien

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

December 29th 2025



Period products to be offered free at certain MPS Schools

After a successful pilot program at the High School of the Arts thanks to Milwaukee School Board member Missy Zombor MPS officials are planning to install free dispensers in the coming months at all MPS middle schools, high schools, and schools that run from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Missy Zombor also calls for state lawmakers to fund menstrual products for all Wisconsin schools. Currently, 29 states have laws supporting free menstrual products in schools.

Rory Linnane

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN
December 29th 2025*

The ZCK Advocacy Committee presents a Human Trafficking Webinar on Friday, January 30, 2026. 12:00 pm to 12:45 PM.

Join us for a virtual roundtable discussion focused on understanding human trafficking and how it impacts our communities. This conversation will bring together professionals from advocacy, healthcare, and law enforcement to share insights, answer common questions, and discuss how individuals and organizations can better recognize and respond to trafficking.

Featured panelists include Jayden Anderson-Baker, CDVP, Development Director at Harbor House; Ashley Villarreal, Director of Community Engagement at Clove Alliance; Detective Sean Prophet at Manteno Police Department; and Brook Coutant, RN at St. Mary's Hospital. The discussion will be moderated by Janice Krizik-Schmidt, Zonta Club of Kankakee Board Director and Advocacy Committee member. This session is designed to provide practical, surface-level information for community members, advocates, and service providers who want to better understand the realities of human trafficking and the role we all play in prevention and response.



Please share this information with anyone who you think would be interested in. This is another free advocacy event. I hope you can attend virtually!

Registration Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uhfWr9U5TYGWskJuu4i95w>

From the Archivist/Historian

Milwaukee PBS has a segment called "**Movers & Shakers**" - "Meet the leaders who moved Milwaukee forward. Movers & Shakers is a new six-episode Milwaukee PBS series highlighting trailblazers whose work transformed our region and beyond."

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Watch at [MilwaukeePBS.org/movers](https://www.milwaukeepbs.org/movers), on YouTube, or on the PBS App.

Jan. 27th: Zontians **Charlotte Partridge and Miriam Frink**

March 10th: Wilbur and Zontian **Ardie Halyard**

Charlotte and Miriam co-founded the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee. Charlotte was also the driving force behind Zonta Manor.

The Halyards established Columbia Savings & Loan over 100 years ago, a financial institution that enabled minorities to buy homes at a time when other banks would not. For background information, read about them in the Club's history webpages.



Zonta History Highlights

ZONTA CLUB ORGANIZED HERE TO AID GIRLS ENTERING BUSINESS WORLD

Milwaukee is not to be outdone by its sister cities.

It now has a full fledged Zonta club. It was organized last night at the City club.

The national president, Ethel Francis, of Detroit, was honor guest at the meeting. In her address she spoke on the aims and ideals of Zonta, saying in part:

"The national aims of Zonta is vocational guidance. We want to help the younger generation of girls who are entering the business world. We are doing this by sending questionnaires to each Zonta in the country, to find out the conditions among women who are in business. These, when compiled, make an invaluable source of information for girls who are entering the business world. They can learn what chances there are for them in their chosen occupations in every part of the country, what the salaries are and whether there is a surplus of workers of their kind. In fact anything about the business conditions that they might want to know."

"I have never been able to get up any feverish excitement about running up the flag for some of these reforms. But the scope included in Zonta, appeals to every woman. Its luncheon tables are truly 'round tables,' at which women with the best brains of the country congregate weekly. The exchange of ideas is valuable. The good-fellowship is helpful. Its contacts are unlimited."

Flora Taylor Young, president of the Chicago Zonta club, spoke briefly.

"Like all babies only a year old, the Chicago club has been selfish," she said. "We have been too busy housing, feeding and entertaining ourselves to bother about others. But during the next year we expect to be of great help to younger girls in Chicago, widening our field of contact and generally living up to the name of the club which means 'squareness.'"

Among the Milwaukee women who attended the meeting last night and who will be charter members are the following: Edith M. Shaw, art novelties; Adeline T. Ricker, musician; Marie K. Franzen, building and loan; Fannie V. Gassman, real estate; Della G. Ovitz, librarian; Dorothy Enderis, recreational director; Katherine R. Williams, attorney;

Bessie C. Childs, osteopathic physician; Daisy L. Carrington, credit manager; Ruth Foster, principal commercial school; Anna E. Koerner, assistant manager and buyer; Lillian Baker, children's apparel; Sarah Becker, millinery; Mary S. Berry, cosmetician; Mrs. G. L. Andrews, ready-to-wear; Besse O'Leary, ready-to-wear; Adele Abert, cosmetician; Rose Gemler, florist; Harriet Semler, secretary; Edith McCann, doctor; Grace A. Kelly, personnel superintendent; Louise M. Rube, auditor; Anna Leisk, Second Ward bank; Bertha Ehlers, specialty shop; Maud Swett, industrial commission; Anna B. Swinney, doctor; Beatrice M. Robart, insurance; Gertrude M. Jacobs, Marshall and Hsley bank.

Six members of the Chicago Zonta club were guests at the meeting. They were Mrs. Flora Taylor Young, the Misses Gudrun Carlson, Minerva White, Mrs. Eunice D. Stedman, Mrs. Greclan C. Warner and Stella Grant.



Dr.

Bessie C. Childs

NEW CLUB BORN AND IT'S A GIRL

Men's service clubs of Milwaukee will have a rival among women with the birth tonight of the Milwaukee chapter of the Confederation of Zonta clubs, an international organization.

Its name, taken from the Indian, meaning "honest and trustworthy"; its object, service, and its motto, "a square deal," Zonta will begin its existence in Milwaukee with some thirty charter members, including some of the outstanding business and professional women of the city.



THE LAUNCH OF ZONTA IN MILWAUKEE

"ZONTA! ZONTA!" (*Milwaukee Sentinel*, Jan 8, 1926)

"NEW CLUB BORN AND IT'S A GIRL" (*Milwaukee Sentinel*, Jan 8, 1926)

"ZONTA CLUB ORGANIZED HERE TO AID GIRLS ENTERING BUSINESS WORLD" (*Milwaukee Journal*, Jan 9, 1926)

"Zonta Board of Directors Now Complete" (*Milwaukee Journal*, January 16, 1926)

"Milwaukee Has Zonta 'Rotary Club' for Women" (*Milwaukee Sentinel*, January 17, 1926)

The launch of Zonta in Milwaukee in early 1926 was heralded with great publicity. Throughout the early decades of Zonta in Milwaukee, extensive publicity continued. At the time, the *Milwaukee Sentinel* (AM Mon-Sat) and the *Milwaukee Journal* (PM & Sun) were both thriving. Both entered broadcasting in the late 1920's and increased their influence over Milwaukee media. They appear to have had plenty of room for and interest in "women's news", and early Milwaukee Zontians were skilled at getting good coverage of both their social events as well as their serious programs and projects. By the late 20's, the coverage included radio as well.

National President, Ethel Francis of Detroit, attended the "birth" of the Milwaukee Zonta Club in January 1926. In her address she spoke on the aims and ideals of Zonta:

"The national aims of Zonta is (sic) vocational guidance. We want to help the younger generation of girls who are entering the business world. We are doing this by sending questionnaires to each Zonta in the country, to find out conditions among women who are in business. These, when compiled, make a valuable source of information for girls who are entering the business world. They can learn what chances there are for them in their chosen occupations in every part of the country, what the salaries are and whether there is a surplus of workers of their kind. In fact, anything about the business conditions that they might want to know. (Milwaukee Journal, January 9, 1926)

Within the first month of its existence, each of the Club's 45 members received the extensive survey used by the Detroit Club. Question areas included:

- Type of work: people/things, responsibilities, decision-making, public facing
- Extent, status, and schedule of work: hours, overtime, frequency of overtime
- Working conditions: healthy pleasant atmosphere, standing/stooping/lifting, physical/nervous strain
- Compensation: starting wage, next advance, maximum wage, salary/commission/service fee, promotions
- Methods of entering the workforce

The survey was extensively described in the February 14, 1926 *Milwaukee Journal*.

Early on, Zonta was recognized by the press as distinctive and

"Milwaukee is the thirty-seventh Zonta Club to be organized in the United States. It is planned along the lines of the Rotary Club. Its members are chosen from a classified list. It is this thing that makes Zonta essentially different in character from other clubs of business and professional women with no limitation as to the number from each business.

"Zonta has five objects. They are, first to encourage high ideals and honest business methods. Second, to encourage high ethical standards in business and the professions. Third, to stimulate the desire of each member to be of service, fourth to promote good fellowship as an opportunity to service and an aid to success, and fifth to quicken the interest of each member in the welfare of her community and to cooperate with others in its civic, social, commercial and economic development." (Milwaukee Sentinel, Jan 17, 1926)

Interesting tidbits: Founded in 1837, the *Milwaukee Sentinel* had a long conservative history until the dawning of the Progressive era in the 1890's when it began to moderate its views, sometimes even calling for political reform. After joining the chorus of indignation resulting from The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company (run by Republican party bosses Charles F Pfister and Henry C Payne), bribing its way to a 35-year contract with the City in 1899, it was purchased outright by Pfister in 1901 "rather than going to trial and having his business practices revealed". (*Wikipedia*)

Club Updates



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THE EARLY YEARS: 1926-1932

On January 8, 1933, at their "birthday" celebration, Milwaukee Zonta member and past president (1929-30) Frieda Miller read her history of the Club and shared her illustrations. We have her letter but unfortunately not the illustrations. A few excerpts:

"The financial assessment on each member has varied during this period from the present low figure of \$10.00 per annum to a high of \$20.00. At one time there was an additional initiation fee of \$5.00 which has been waived for the present.

The original place of the meeting was the Milwaukee Athletic Club; later, the City Club; and for some time now the YWCA. Since it is a club organized for both camaraderie and social service, I was interested in reading the minutes telling of the service work of the club. Our largest gift was \$500 pledged to the YWCA for this beautiful building in which we are meeting tonight. For many summers we have paid the tuition of a Girl in Industry at the University of Wisconsin summer school. The annual reports of girls that have attended this session have been satisfactory to the club members that this form of service has been repeated from year to year. Since 1930, we have been annual contributors to the Milwaukee County Community Fund. Our contribution in that year was \$100.00; in 1931 it was raised to \$200.00; in 1932 \$100.00 was given; and, as you know, this year we have pledged \$50.00 plus any additional contributions our members are willing to make on behalf of the Club.

For several summers we have contributed to the Summer Outing Society. Early in our history we took care of Family Welfare families at Christmas time and one year provided funds to help a girl get home to her family, particularly her sick mother. Although we have become a little more national-minded, we have never done very much toward organization work. Shortly after our own organization, we contributed \$80.00, that is, in January 1928, for national organization work.... Although our financial contributions to the national organization have fallen rather low, we have at various times had members who have been on national committees. We have also always had a delegate

beginning with the Rochester Convention and have had representatives at the conventions in St. Paul, Erie, Seattle, Cleveland, St. Louis and Chicago.

Our growth has been far from phenomenal. I am afraid many of us who have been in the club since the beginning have been content to keep it a small club – a closely knit organization. The membership has ranged between thirty and fifty the entire period.

Workplace issues were critical for the Milwaukee Club since its inception and remained of primary importance in Club service and advocacy for decades. In its first summer, in 1926, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee provided its first scholarship for a young woman entering the workforce to attend a two-week summer program run by UW Madison whose School for Workers was created in 1925, so it was also a "newborn", and only the second school of its kind in the nation. Zonta scholarship students attended the special 2-week summer sessions for years.

The school continues to this day. In early days, the school was quite progressive -- it had strong relationships with unions through the Depression years, and even allowed blacks in the program in the 1930's. It launched as the Summer School for Women Workers with the summer camp for young women entering the industrial labor force. It began admitting men in 1927 and changed its name to the School for Workers in Industry. It allied with the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor and by 1931 provided educational opportunities for union workers – union members made up about 1/3 of the summer program's participants. During World War II, when about 1/3 of workers were in a union, the School for Workers developed educational programs for union leadership on topics such as negotiation, administration and representation. By the 1950's, with the beginning of the Cold War and anti-communist movements in the US, it was training workers, including international workers, in the dangers of Communism. Today it is still known as the School for Workers and positions itself as "Education for Workplace Democracy" and "Evolving Alongside the Changing Needs of Working People" (<https://schoolforworkers.wisc.edu>).

Confederation of Zonta Clubs, Inc.
Incorporated in New York
November 1, 1926

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

This Certifies that

No. 39

THE ZONTA CLUB OF MILWAUKEE
WISCONSIN

Organized January 26, 1926.

has complied with all the requirements necessary for membership in the CONFEDERATION OF ZONTA CLUBS, Inc. Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in us by the Constitution, we hereby declare it to be an affliating club of the CONFEDERATION OF ZONTA CLUBS, Inc., and in accepting this Certificate, it ratifies and agrees to be bound by the Constitution of this Confederation.



In Witness Whereof, this Confederation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers, and to be sealed with the Seal of the Confederation this 14th day of May, 1926.
Hazel C. Richards
Evelyn Davis



Area, District and ZI Updates

Save the Date: Area 2 Spring Workshop – March 28th in Belvidere, IL

Save the Date: District 6 Fall Conference – October 10th in Lombard, IL

The graphic features a teal background with a pattern of light blue and purple leaves. On the left, there is a dark teal box containing the Zonta International District 6 logo and a photograph of the Embassy Suites Lombard IL building. The main text reads: "Save THE DATE Saturday, October 10 2026 2026 District 6 Fall Conference".

The screenshot shows the website for the Zonta Vancouver 2026 Convention. The header includes a language dropdown (EN), a search bar, the Vancouver logo, and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, along with the hashtag #ZONTAVANCOLVER. The navigation menu lists: Home, Vancouver, Program, Registration, Accommodations, Convention Business, and Air Canada. The main banner features a scenic view of the Vancouver skyline with a suspension bridge, overlaid with a graphic of mountains and trees. Below the banner, a text block reads: "Zonta International President Salla Tuominen and your convention team in Vancouver, Canada can't wait to see you! [Join us 11-14 July 2026!](#)". At the bottom, there are four circular icons with corresponding text boxes: a moose for "Explore daily tours", two people with a Canadian flag for "Check out ticketed events", a bear for "Volunteer at Convention", and a squirrel for "Purchase a program ad".



**Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Club Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025
Virtual Via Zoom**

President-Elect Helen Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:00pm CST.

Program

Founded in 2018 by Carrie Reichartz, Mercy's Light Family is saving the lives of babies and restoring dignity to young women suffering poverty, abuse, and abandonment in Kiliffi County, Kenya.

Communications Director Shawnee Penkacik presented information about how Project Hope transforms the lives of orphans, widows, and more from abuse, desperation and abject poverty to self-sufficiency through discipleship, education, & small business creation, producing Milele Oil and fabric goods, in 3-years or less.

Zonta members are invited to attend the High Tea fundraiser on April 19, 2026 at Tuckaway Country Club in Franklin, WI and are encouraged to learn more. Visit mercyslight.org. Marge Holzbog and Barbara Wyatt Sibley will do additional discovery, giving consideration to Zonta International's position on Clubs maintaining a local focus.

Financial Report

Treasurer Laureen Ward reviewed the financial statement for October: Beginning balance of \$6,839.40 plus deposits of \$121.00 for October Club meeting dinners, less expenses of \$662.08 reimbursement for Club meeting supplies and remainder due to Go Daddy for the website upgrades for an ending balance of \$6,298.32 as of October 31, 2025.

Lobby Day Update

Donna Conant and Donna Neal shared the details of the day's activities held Tuesday November 18, 2025 at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. 18-20 Zontians distributed folders to every Assembly member, Senator or Representative and met with staff members to raise awareness and support to pass the ERA and Ending Childhood Marriage bills. Cathy Myers reports that there is strong democratic support for ending childhood marriage but is less optimistic about the ERA. The entire experience was impressive, very positive, and well-executed.

Nominating Committee 2026 Volunteers Needed

Barbara Wyatt Sibley agreed to serve on the committee. Carol Mangold will initiate reaching out to members to volunteer.

Holiday Party - \$15 gift exchange and food sign-up list

Karen Smith will be sending the invitation and circulating the sign-up sheet for bringing food via email.

Committee Reports

Club Updates



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Fundraising/Fashion Show – Pam Knackert thanked all members for their work, donations and attendance at the event. Though not yet final, the proceeds will likely top \$34,000, a new record high. One-third of proceeds will be forwarded to Zonta International, and the Club will retain two-thirds.

Additionally, the surveys were very positive, and the feedback will be considered for the 100th Celebration Event. Leads for 20 new prospective members will be invited to the Holiday Party and the Prospective Member Reception will be held April 28, 2026 at the New Berlin Public Library.

Centennial Celebration – Donna Neal will compile a summary sheet for each of the two initiatives being considered to receive the proceeds from this fundraising event and share with members prior to the Club's vote. The core group will meet November 24th, and the entire group of committees will meet December 4th.

Public Relations – Joni Reese shared the excitement about the significant upgrades and refresh to both sites:

The Milwaukee Club site is zontamilwaukee.org.

The District 6 site is zontadistrict6.org

Advocacy – Ruth Robertson will post materials by Diane Lindsley on Facebook and Instagram for the 16 Days of Activism.

Announcements:

- Next Club Board Meeting
 - December 9, 2025 6pm CT via Zoom (Strategic Planning I)
- Combined Foundation and Club Board Meeting
 - January 13, 2026 6pm CT via Zoom (Strategic Planning II)
- December Club Social – December 17, 2025 6 – 8pm CT at St. Camillus, 10200 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI. Christine Todd, Hostess.
- January Club Meeting - January 28, 2026 6pm CT via Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm CT.