



# ZONTA

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## NEWSLETTER

June/July 2026

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**2026–2027**

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Summer social is a great time to learn more about your Milwaukee Club Zonta sisters. This informal gathering will include a shared meal and refreshments. We are hoping to have the event outdoors as much as possible, weather permitting of course.

If you are able to attend, please sign up a food/beverage item to share via [June Social Signup.xlsx - Google Sheets](#) that was distributed in a prior email from Ruth. If you are unable to use the attached link simply email Ruth Robertson at [zontaruth@gmail.com](mailto:zontaruth@gmail.com) and let her know if you are planning to attend and what you are bringing to share.

In July we will not have a club meeting. We will resume our meetings with the August meeting on August 26 at the New Berlin Public Library. Remainder of 2026 Meeting dates and locations:

|           |                           |                        |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 26-Aug-26 | New Berlin Public Library | Business Meeting       |
| 23-Sep-26 | New Berlin Public Library | Business Meeting       |
| 28-Oct-26 | Shorewood Public Library  | Business Meeting       |
| 18-Nov-26 | New Berlin Public Library | Business Meeting       |
| 16-Dec-26 | TBD (St. Camillus)        | Social – Holiday Party |

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# President's Message



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Happy summer Zonta sisters! I am looking forward to your continued support as I begin my term as President for this biennium. Thank you to Carol Mangold and her board for their great work over the last two years! I know we all appreciate their service and dedication to our club.

I also want to wish a warm Zonta welcome to our newest members – Paula Fink, Pat Knoebel, and Shawn Taylor who were initiated at our May meeting. Please make sure to introduce yourself if you have not already met.

As we start our new biennium, the board is encouraging everyone to be involved in club activities. We will be sending around committee sign-up sheets in August. Please review the club committees and decide where you would like to serve. Feel free to pick more than one! If you have questions regarding the committee activities or time commitments, please contact me and I can put you in touch with the current committee chair.

At our February meeting, we worked on our club strategic plan. The pages from that discussion are further down in the newsletter. Please note that a number of those target completion dates are imminent, so I encourage the designated committees to review the assigned tactics.

A number of us will be heading to the International Convention in Vancouver in July. There is a Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 30 at 6 pm to discuss the issues to be voted on at the convention. (Review the email Pam sent an email on June 10<sup>th</sup> for more details.) Please plan on attending this meeting if you would like more information on these issues or to provide your input to our delegate (me) regarding voting. A report on the convention highlights will be presented at our August meeting.

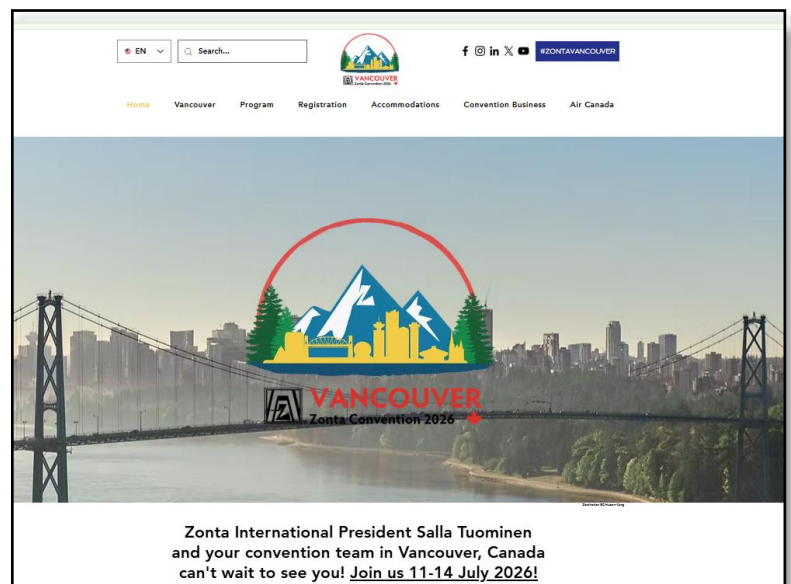
I hope to see many of you at our June social event being held at Karen Smith's house on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder, we do not have a club meeting in July but will be back at the New Berlin library in August.

Enjoy your summer!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Helen Ludwig*

*Zonta Club of Milwaukee President*



# Club Updates



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## Centennial Committee Updates

### **Strong Foundation – Stronger Future**

All Centennial Committee subcommittees are making tremendous progress as we continue planning for our spectacular Centennial Celebration on November 7, 2026, at Harley-Davidson Museum in The Garage venue.

## Centennial Fundraising Committee

We are excited to report that we have successfully achieved our second \$10,000 Challenge Match and are already halfway toward securing our third \$10,000 Challenge Match!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed, pledged, and encouraged family and friends to support our Centennial Campaign. Your generosity and enthusiasm are helping us build momentum toward our fundraising goals and maximize the impact of every dollar raised.

If you have not yet made your contribution or pledge, please contact Barbara Wyatt Sibley to share your plans and submit your donation as soon as possible. We also encourage you to spread the word to family and friends—especially those who may not be attending our Centennial Celebration. Their gifts can still make a meaningful difference and will be matched through our challenge program. Donations can be made online at [www.zontamilwaukee.org/centennial](http://www.zontamilwaukee.org/centennial).



## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Please continue to identify and approach potential sponsors. A copy of the Centennial Sponsorship Packet is available on our website and can be shared with companies and businesses within your network. Consider reaching out to professionals and organizations you know personally or do business with, such as financial advisors, brokers, accountants, attorneys, healthcare providers, and local business owners. Sponsorships and financial contributions of all levels help support our Centennial initiatives and increase our impact.

## **Silent Auction Donations Needed**

You should have received a Silent Auction Donation Request Letter and Donation Form either in person or via email. We are seeking high-quality items, experiences, gift certificates, and themed donations that can be combined into larger silent auction packages valued at \$200 or more.

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If you have connections to businesses, retailers, restaurants, entertainment venues, or service providers, please consider requesting a donation or gift certificate. We are also reaching out to many of our previous business donors and appreciate your assistance in expanding our network of supporters.

### Share Your Ideas

We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and connections. If you know of potential sponsors, donors, auction items, or other opportunities to support our Centennial fundraising efforts, please contact Pam, Jackie, Donna C., or Barbara. Together, we can make our Centennial Celebration a remarkable success while creating a lasting impact through Project Wellspring and our continued commitment to empowering women and girls.

### Thank you in advance for your support.

*Centennial Fundraising Committee - Jackie Beaudry, Donna Conant, Pam Knackert, Barbara Wyatt Sibley*

### Centennial Logistics Committee

A centennial event web page is available with event information and can be used to share messaging on the event with your prospective guests and donors. <https://zontamilwaukee.org/centennial/>.  
Invitations have been created and will be distributed in late summer.

### Program & Entertainment Committee

The evening's entertainment is also coming together beautifully.

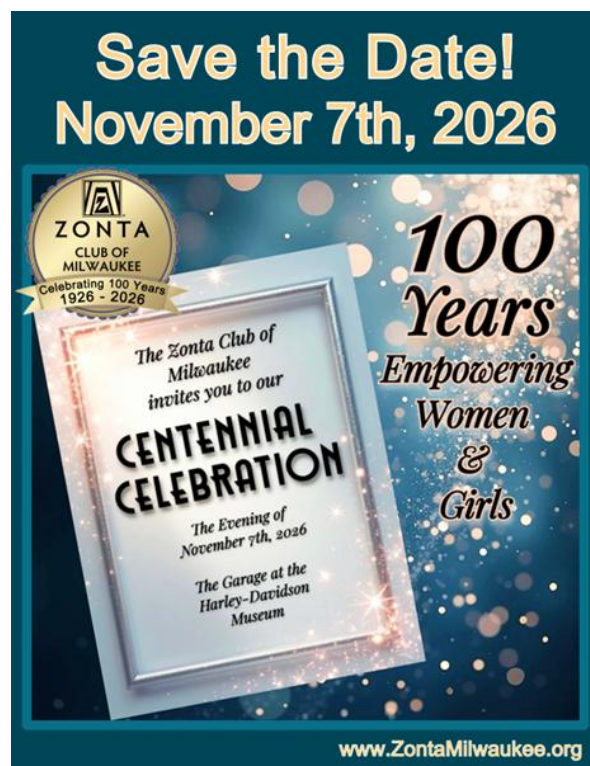
We are thrilled to welcome Chae's Band — a talented five-piece band featuring Chanda Harris, daughter of our member Joann — who will provide music throughout the early evening. Chanda will also close out the celebration with several special vocal performances.

Serving as our emcee and auctioneer for the evening will be Geoffrey Sandler of Celebrations Entertainment, helping guide the program and energize our fundraising efforts through select live auction items and a paddle raise.

We are also honored that Andi Elliott from Community Advocates will speak about Project Wellspring and the impact of this important initiative.

We are hopeful that one or more local dignitaries will also join us to offer remarks as part of this milestone celebration. The Centennial Celebration will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a more detailed timeline and program schedule to be shared soon.

Now is the perfect time to begin thinking about friends, family, colleagues, community leaders, and supporters you would like to invite to help us celebrate 100 years of service, advocacy, and empowerment for women and girls.



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Mr. Lance Jones spoke to the Z-Club about Kids Matter and the non-profit organization's mission, which is "Helping Wisconsin's Kinship and Foster Children." Mr. Jones is the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Program Manager; he encouraged the students to use the money they raised to purchase "flexible cash" for young people in and growing out of foster care. The raffle fundraiser and bake sale collected \$300 and the students delivered gift cards for popular fast-food restaurants and Target stores.

Our two student Z-Club founders and leaders graduated from USM on Saturday, May 30. They have queried the club members to see who is interested in taking over leadership of the group in the fall. Several students stepped up to apply. We will finalize roles in August.

***Congratulations to Wynter, Lauren and other Z Club Members that graduated this year! We can't wait to see what you achieve!***



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## Membership

Please welcome **Paula Fink, Pat Knoebel and Shawn Taylor** to our club. We inducted them at our May meeting. We hope to have them active on our Centennial Celebration and other committees.

Please invite anyone who you think might make a good member to our June 24<sup>th</sup> social get together at Karen Smith's house. This is the perfect time for someone to join at the beginning of our member year.

## Foundation Updates

**From Franciscan Peacemakers in their Grant Report from the November 2025 Grant received:**

### Program Overview

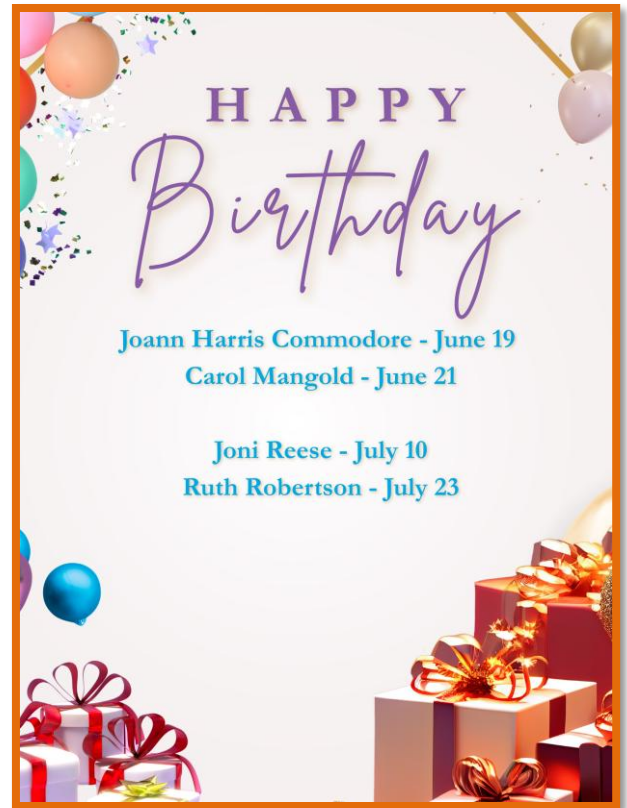
***The intent of this grant was to provide employment wages for women who are current residents or graduates of our program, supporting their participation in our Social Enterprise. The original goal was to employ four women through this opportunity.***

*"Our Social Enterprise gives women in recovery real, meaningful employment. They learn to make our handcrafted Peace & All Good soaps, candles, bath bombs, and more. In doing so, they build confidence, earn wages, and take steps toward independence.*



*Behind every product is a moment like this one - full of focus, joy, and possibility. In the picture attached, our senior resident is teaching one of our new staff members how to make bath bombs, which are finicky and easy to mess up. It's powerful to watch our residents learn to lead and share their knowledge - and in the case of bath bombs, laughter and maybe a few tears. Please let me know if you have specific questions I can answer as it pertains to the Social Enterprise."*

With gratitude,  
Megan  
Megan O'Halloran, Executive Director





## Centennial History Committee

### ***Zonta Club of Milwaukee History - Fighting Gender-Based Violence***

For the last 25+ years, Zonta has focused on ending gender-based violence via service, advocacy, and financial support of dozens of local non-profits. We hosted community forums, partnered with several local agencies on projects supporting survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, hosted seven Silent Walks, and collaborated with Neu-Life Community Development to bring the ARTREACH human trafficking awareness and education program, now Neu-STEPP, to hundreds of Milwaukee youth. Our efforts continue with Project Wellspring, our signature project for the Centennial.

In 1999 and 2000, we hosted two community forums that brought together leaders from local service providers, law enforcement, political leaders, and the community to engage in discussions DV community impact and



community-wide responses. The May 1999 forum “Violence Against Women and Girls in Our Community: Status, Trends, and Perspectives” involved a panel of experts followed by Q&A and table discussions. The second forum in September 2000 “Violence Against Women and Girls in Our Community” utilized breakout sessions on wide-ranging topics that surfaced in the first forum including teen media messaging, court watch programs, action kits for parents, skill building for teachers, advocacy and community alliances.

These forums were important inputs to the coordinated community response model that is exemplified in Sojourner Family Peace Center, The Women’s Center Waukesha, and other DV service providers. They also set the Club on a path to work to end domestic violence for many years to come.

Through the 2000’s we donated funds and conducted mini-service projects to support local provider agencies’ domestic violence survivor services and prevention programs such as cell phone collections for survivors and awareness programs for young girls. We participated in annual marches like “Take Back the Night” and “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” to raise community awareness. For many years we held our dinner meetings at St. Catherine Residence to help underwrite their meal program; in 2008 we decorated a Mom and Baby Suite at the residence.

The mid 2000’s brought awareness of the issue of human trafficking and Club actions on a different aspect of gender-based violence. Club members added their advocacy voices against human trafficking by participating in meetings of the Greater Milwaukee Rescue and Restore Coalition and advocated for anti-trafficking legislation in Madison. In 2007 Milwaukee Zontians donated funds to the UW Stevens Point Thailand project to help support two women from Thailand with no citizenship status due to their trafficking.

In 2011, the Club decided to focus more energy and resources to violence prevention and youth, and in 2012, after a rigorous selection process, the Club embarked on a long-term partnership with Neu-Life Community Development, an agency dedicated to empowering youth to develop strategies, knowledge, life skills, and support systems to survive and thrive in their environments without crime, drugs, or other negative behavior.. (More on that partnership at another time.)

It became clear to us that sex trafficking was a real issue in Milwaukee when a girl from Neu-Life’s Lindsay Heights neighborhood went missing for two weeks and was trafficked at a downtown hotel. After a search for

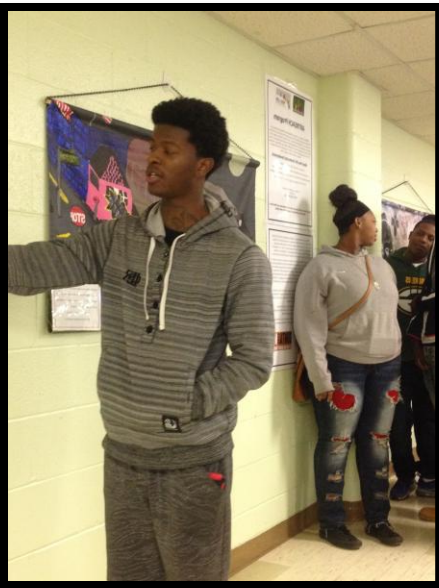
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curricula, in 2014 NL/the Club piloted and implemented a self-sustaining youth anti-violence project called ARTREACH focused on human trafficking and sexual violence prevention, developed by Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, a Zonta-driven effort in West Florida led by Nola Theiss. Six Milwaukee Zontians attended the Train-the-Trainer sessions along with 15-20 Neu-Life staff.

The ARTREACH curriculum included an art project designed to communicate participants' messages to other youth and the broader community. Zontians helped find venues where the artwork could be displayed and generate awareness of the issue and need for community response. Over the years, there were installations during Human Trafficking Awareness Month at venues like Radio 88Nine (Human Trafficking Task Force of Milwaukee 2016), Carthage College (Racine Coalition Against Human Trafficking 2016), and the Milwaukee Public Library (a weeks-long exhibit in 2018).



After implementing ARTREACH among high school youth for a couple years, we worked with Neu-Life staff to modify the curriculum for middle schoolers (the group that benefits most from the program), and later for elementary schoolers. Neu-Life hired dedicated staff to lead ARTREACH and gradually made more and more enhancements to the program that is now Neu-STEPP, the trafficking portion bookended in a healthy relationships curriculum. Youth groups from Our Next Generation and Boys and Girls Clubs have been exposed to the curriculum. Neu-Life is currently seeking third party accreditation for the program so that it can be made available nationally.

We hosted six Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent Walks 2015- 2022 to commemorate the Wisconsin lives lost in the previous year because of domestic violence. Staff and youth from Neu-Life and from our

Z-Club at Milwaukee High School for the Arts participated as well as many friends, family, partners, and community leaders. Programs included community leaders, police, and the DA's office.

In the past several years, our Foundation has focused giving on organizations providing services to domestic violence and human trafficking survivors, including Exploit No More's Freedom House and Franciscan Peacemakers Social Enterprise Program which directly service trafficking survivors, and to organizations empowering young women to develop life and leadership skills and education on issues to make smart and safe decisions.

Our Centennial Project, Project Wellspring, is a collaboration with Community Advocates and the Milwaukee Women's Center, ASHA Family Services, and Fresh Start Learning. It directly supports survivors of both domestic violence and human trafficking in a two-year transitional housing program with support for home furnishings and emergency needs as they build skills, wellness, and self-esteem, and prepare for independence and sustainability.

We continue our long history of action regarding gender-based violence.



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## District 6 Updates

Meet your new 2026-2028 District 6 Board and Committee Leadership!



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Zonta Club of Madison



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Area 5 Director Helen Hester-Ross  
Zonta Club of Joliet



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### 2026-2028 Committee Chairs & Leadership Roles



Tami Galbreath  
Advocacy Chair



Susie Trees  
Awards Chair



Joni Reese  
Communications  
& PR Chair



Amber Brainard  
Webmaster



Mary Nagel  
USA / Caucasus



Myra Celestin  
Parliamentarian / Bylaws



Susan Harmon  
Z & Golden Z Clubs



Kelly LaMore  
Service Chair



Jean Heil  
ZFW Ambassador



Anna Weselak  
Strategic Planning Advisor



Emily Bartlett  
UN Chair



Isabel Vidal  
Historian &  
Zonta Says Now Liaison

**Nominating Committee:**  
Karen Herman DeMuro  
Helen Ludwig  
Kelly LaMore

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## Tactical Planning Worksheets for Our Club

*Remember these? The Board would like committee members to review/take action/modify/add to our goals!*

| Tactical Planning Worksheet                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                   | Club: MILWAUKEE                                              |                        |                     |          |
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| Action(s): Get all current members involved in planning and promoting of the Centennial Celebration                                                                                                                          |                                   |                                                              |                        |                     |          |
| Any further explanation:                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |                                                              |                        |                     |          |
| Tactics                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Who is responsible at Club Level? | Start Date                                                   | Target Completion Date | Performance Metrics | Comments |
| Invite former members to the event                                                                                                                                                                                           | Membership comm                   | 1st qtr 2026                                                 | June 15, 2026          |                     |          |
| Invite previous scholarship recipients to the event                                                                                                                                                                          | Scholarship Comm.                 | 1st qtr 2026                                                 | June 15, 2026          |                     |          |
| Invite prospective members to the event                                                                                                                                                                                      | Membership comm & club            | 1st qtr 2026                                                 | June 15, 2026          |                     |          |
| Invite previous award recipients to the event (4 or 5 yrs or those still viable)                                                                                                                                             | Foundation/Fundraising            | 1st qtr 2026                                                 | June 15, 2026          |                     |          |
| Invite civic leaders/media                                                                                                                                                                                                   | PR Committee                      | 1st qtr 2026                                                 | June 15, 2026          |                     |          |

### Resources Required

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| Members, partners    |  |
| Equipment, software: |  |

| Tactical Planning Worksheet                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                   | Club: MILWAUKEE                                                     |                        |                     |          |
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| Connect with like-minded organizations and/or attend their activities                                                                                                                                                        | Club                              | March 2026                                                          | October 2026           |                     |          |
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| Members, partners                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |                                                                     |                        |                     |          |
| Equipment, software:                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                   |                                                                     |                        |                     |          |
| Facilities, materials,                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                   |                                                                     |                        |                     |          |

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## Tactical Planning Worksheet

Club: MILWAUKEE

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Strategy:

Impact Communities with Centennial Celebration/Project

Action(s): All members promote the Centennial Event and Project Wellspring

Any further explanation:

| Tactics                                                                                                     | Who is responsible at Club Level? | Start Date   | Target Completion Date | Performance Metrics | Comments |
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| Select our signature project                                                                                | Centennial Comm                   | May 2025     | Done January 2026      |                     |          |
| Communicate Centennial Project to potential sponsors, donors, invitee list, etc.                            | Fundraising Comm, PR, Members     | 1st qtr 2026 | ongoing                |                     |          |
| Update website & social media with project and goal                                                         | PR Comm                           | 1st qtr 2026 | ongoing                |                     |          |
| Foundation explain on website about our signature project and that normal award process continues next year | Foundation                        | 1st qtr 2026 | March 15 2026          |                     |          |
| Communicate with recent agencies our Centennial Project and invite for Centennial Celebration to support us | Foundation                        |              | June 2026              |                     |          |

### Resources Required

| Members, partners                                                                       | <h2>Tactical Planning Worksheet</h2> <p>Club: <u>MILWAUKEE</u></p> <p>Goal: Clubs serve as a welcoming and inspiring environment to those who wish to work to empower women and girls and create information and resources necessary to focus on the most important issues facing women and girls.</p> <p>Strategy:</p> <p>Impact Communities with Centennial Celebration/Project</p> <p>Action(s): All members promote the Centennial Event and Project Wellspring</p> <p>Any further explanation:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Tactics</th> <th>Who is responsible at Club Level?</th> <th>Start Date</th> <th>Target Completion Date</th> <th>Performance Metrics</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Have Community Advocates promote our impact with Project Wellspring and our Celebration</td> <td>Centennial Core Comm.</td> <td>2nd qtr 2026</td> <td>June 2026</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Connect with like-minded organizations and/or their activities</td> <td>Club</td> <td>March</td> <td>June 2026</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <h3>Resources Required</h3> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Members, partners</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equipment, software:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facilities, materials, supplies:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Resources:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Notes:</p> | Tactics                           | Who is responsible at Club Level? | Start Date             | Target Completion Date | Performance Metrics | Comments | Have Community Advocates promote our impact with Project Wellspring and our Celebration | Centennial Core Comm. | 2nd qtr 2026 | June 2026 |  |  | Connect with like-minded organizations and/or their activities | Club | March | June 2026 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Members, partners |  | Equipment, software: |  | Facilities, materials, supplies: |  | Other Resources: |  |
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Notes:

# Club Updates



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
MILWAUKEE

## Tactical Planning Worksheet

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Strategy:

Strengthen Communication with Centennial Celebration

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Any further explanation:

| Tactics                                                                                                                   | Who is responsible at Club Level? | Start Date | Target Completion Date | Performance Metrics | Comments                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Update website with current information on Centennial Year happenings and reminder of Celebration Nov. 7th                | PR Committee                      | Jan. 2026  | ongoing                |                     |                                                                                        |
| Update facebook and Instagram with current information on Centennial Year happenings and reminder of Celebration Nov. 7th | PR Committee                      | Jan. 2026  | ongoing                |                     |                                                                                        |
| Continue articles in newsletter about history of club                                                                     | Cent. History Comm.               | Jan 2026   | ongoing                |                     | Continue to send to our current dist. list and Pam to current prospective members list |
| Communicate with sponsors & agencies                                                                                      | Fundraising Comm/Foundation       | Feb. 2026  | ongoing                |                     |                                                                                        |
| Press releases through out year about Zonta Club of Milwaukee and then with invite to event.                              | PR Committee                      | Feb 2026   | ongoing                |                     |                                                                                        |

### Resources Required

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| Members, partners                |  |
| Equipment, software:             |  |
| Facilities, materials, supplies: |  |

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| Contact and connect with local media, ex. Morning Blend, Ellenbecker Podcast  | PR Committee & other adjunct club members            | March      | ongoing                |                     | March is Women's History Month! |
| Highlight past members, movers and shakers with media, etc                    | PR & History Comm                                    | March      | ongoing                |                     | March is Women's History Month  |
| Provide video's, testimonials from awardees, Proclamations from Civic leaders | PR Committee w/ help perhaps from Neu-Life or others | March      | ongoing                |                     |                                 |
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### Resources Required

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| Members, partners |  |
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**ZONTA CLUB OF MILWAUKEE**  
**Club Meeting Minutes**  
**New Berlin Library**  
**May 27, 2026**  
**6:00 P.M.**

- **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:13 pm by Club President Carol Mangold
  - **19 members present**
- **WELCOME GUESTS** - Carol Mangold
  - Shawntell Taylor & Myronica Survillion-Jones
- **PROGRAM** - Introduced by Karen Smith
  - Shawntell (Shawn) Taylor, Executive Director Chayil Inc. and
  - Myronica Survillion Jones, Board Chairwoman Chayil Inc.,
  - Crystal Tucker, VP Chayil, Inc. *Crystal was not able to attend*
    - Chayil means strength & virtue in Hebrew.
    - Mission Statement: "Since Chayil Inc.'s inception in 2000, we have strived to provide resources and support individuals, helping them lead stronger and more virtuous lives."
    - Entrepreneurs are empowered & encouraged; work on business plans & Quick Books; overcome barriers like abuse; understand Human Resources; become financially empowered; and learn about succession planning via 13-week virtual classes.
  - has written a book - [BluePrint Business & Succession Planning](#)
- **2026 YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD** - Evie Skibicki – Her video was SO impressive.
- **INDUCTION of NEW MEMBERS** by Pam Knackert & sponsors
  - Shawntell (Shawn) Taylor- Carol Mangold, Sponsor
  - Paula Fink- Jackie Beaudry, Sponsor
  - Patricia Knoebel- Joni Reese, Sponsor
- **NOMINATION/CLUB APPROVAL FOR FOUNDATION BOARD of Donna Conant** in a 3yr term- Carol Mangold
  - Motion made by Karen Smith; Seconded by Cheryl Nowak
  - Motion Passed
- **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & BOARDS** - Donna Neal who thanked Board members who have completed their terms
  - 4 new Club Board members; Laureen Ward in attendance
  - Secretary: Ruth Robertson in attendance
  - Treasurer: Karen Smith in attendance
  - President: Helen Ludwig in attendance
  - Foundation Board: Donna Conant, Barbara Wyatt-Sibley; Carol Mangold



- **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Laureen Ward for April, 2026
    - Club balance started at \$6290.49
    - with expenses at \$0
    - and income at \$1369.28
    - Current balance is \$7659.77
    - Club CD value is \$6162.77
    - The CD has been reinvested at Waterstone Bank 3.93/4.00% \$ 6204.35
    - The report will be filed for the record.
  
  - **BIENNIAL CLUB BUDGET APPROVAL** - Laureen Ward
    - Motion to approve was made by Club Board   Seconded by Dawn Zehren
    - Motion was approved with one correction: Add Donna Conant to Service Committee
  
  - **CENTENNIAL UPDATE**- Dawn Zehren
    - Project Wellspring; 12 women/families from trafficking
    - Nov. 7, 2026 at Harley Davidson
    - Chae Harris band & singer
    - MC & auctioneer: Geoffrey Sandler
    - Menu has been chosen
    - Sept. issue of *Brookfield City Lifestyle* magazine will have an article about the event.
    - Silent Auction item includes Marguax Brasserie: \$350 4-course dinner
    - Barbara Wyatt-Sibley:
      - 90 day campaign for members' matching funds
      - 90% club members/friends have given \$12,000
      - \$40,999 total thus far
      - Goal is \$150,000 to net \$100,000
  
  - **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - (as needed basis)
    - Joni Reese: Foundation will meet afterwards to elect Officers.
    - PR: Business cards for members if they want; contact Joni; you pay as individuals for the Canva order
    - June is social gathering at Karen Smith's at Wind Lake
  
  - **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
    - Next Board Meeting - June 9, 2026 - 6:00 PM ZOOM
    - Summer Social - June 24, 2026 - Karen Smith's home
    - July Break - No meeting
    - Next General Club Meeting - August 26, 2026 - 6:00 PM
  
  - **Meeting Adjourned at 7:43pm**
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