

THE ZONEWS

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ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD

Board of Directors- FY 2023

- **President: Laurie Ann Oppel**
- **Vice President: Veronica Villeneuve**
- **Treasurer: Kati Blum**
- **Recording Secretary: Mary Nimmerfroh**
- **Communications Secretary: Rachel Thompson**
- **Board Members- 2nd term**
 - **Glenny Olufson**
 - **Mary Garding**
- **Board Members - 1st Term**
 - **Belinda Ryan**
 - **Mary Robak-Saari**
- **Past President: Joal Peitz**

NOTICE:

THERE IS NO BUSINESS MEETING AT NOON ON THURSDAY, IT WILL BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING THAT EVENING. BUSINESS MEETINGS WILL RESUME AFTER SUMMER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 6th- Cookies for a Cause 9am-2pm Copper Pony

May 11 – Annual Meeting @coyote moon

May 12-13 Zonta Garage Sale at Deb Kellerman'smans house

May 13 – Service project, ice cream social at Anna Maries

May 30- "SHE CAN" Tap Dancing Event 6-9pm

Anna Marie's Chefs Gala- June 7th @ 5 :30pm

June 12th – DANCING WITH OUR STARS

June 30-July 2, 2023 – Zonta NAID (North American Inter-District) meeting in Indianapolis, IN! Another great road trip opportunity!! If you cant get to the International Meetings, this is the next best thing!!!

Transition Meeting – July 20th or 27th

August 6th – KAYAKING FOR A KAUSE + Raffle Drawing

September 8-10th, 2023 – D7 meeting in St Cloud.

ANNUAL MEETING IS MAY 11th AT COYOTE MOON!



Zonta Board Meeting Minutes
4/6/2023
Anna Marie's Alliance, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

Present: Kati Blum, Mary Nimmerfroh, Veronica Villeneuve, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Mary Garding, Rachel Thompson, Joal Peitz, Glennly Olufson

Absent: Laurie Ann Oppel,

Guests: Debra Kellerman, Susan Voeltz

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Veronica Villeneuve at 12:00noon. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order. The agenda for today's meeting was presented for approval. Additions: Fundraising
Kati Blum moved to approve the agenda; Belinda Ryan seconded the motion. Motion was approved *as amended*.

Consent Agenda

Board minutes of 3/2/2023 – will be sent out following this meeting via email for approval.
Treasurer's report of March 2023

Motion to approve was made by Mary Robak-Saari and seconded by Glennly Olufson Motion *was approved*.

Business:

Advocacy – Veronica Villeneuve reminded everyone of the speaker meeting on 4/27/23 at Coyote Moon. Also discussed the "Walk Together" event on 4/28/23. Those members not going to the Area Meeting are encouraged to sign up for and attend the Walk on the 28th. The Zonta Club of St Cloud was also invited to become "cheerers" at the Earth Day walk in downtown St Cloud. If we provide at least 10 members, our club earns \$500. The walkers/runners will be voting on the groups of cheerers and the winning group will receive another \$1000. Funds raised here will go to the club.

Service – Mary Garding and Mary Robak-Saari were working on cooking at Anna Marie's in May. With further discussion, this will probably be an ice cream social with BINGO. More information later.

Foundation – our paperwork was submitted to the IRS on the last day of March (Women's History Month). We are awaiting confirmation from the IRS. Meetings with the board and committee chairs were discussed and will be scheduled later to work out logistics. It was also suggested that Betsey Lund Ross be invited to come speak to our group about how this works.

Nominations Committee Report –The nominations were in last month's ZoNews and will be in this months again. Voting will be held at the April Business meeting with installation at the Annual meeting in May. The nominations are: Treasurer: Lyndsey Stram, Recording Secretary: Mary Garding, Board Members (2 years): Kati Blum and Glennly Olfuson, Nominations committee: Debra Kellerman, Joal Peitz, and Alicia Reif.

Finance Committee – Debra Kellerman reviewed the report which is published in the ZoNews. Kati Blum. Moved to accept the report and Mary Robak-Saari seconded the motion. *Motion carried.*

Scholarships – two of our scholarship winners will be at the 4/27/23 event along with at least one parent each. The national Women in Technology application due date is 9/1/23. It is recommended that the Scholarship committee consider requesting an extra \$1000 to cover that scholarship. Only one application for JMK was received this year.

Dancing with the Stars – Rachel Thompson announced that they made just under \$800 at the latest fundraiser. There will be another one on May 30th which will be catered by Jules Bistro. It will be \$150/ticket. More information later.

Fundraising – Debra Kellerman announced there will be a meeting of the Kayak Committee next week. There has been discussion about applying for a raffle. We would need to register with the Minnesota Gambling Board. 90% of the receipts must be used for charitable purposes. There was a discussion on types of prizes. Motion: The Board to approve a raffle with the Kayak and Zonta Club of St Cloud contingent on the approval/support of the Kayak Committee. Motion made by Mary Robak-Saari and seconded by Belinda Ryan. *Motion approved.*

Adjournment – Kati Blum made a motion to adjourn. Mary Garding seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 12:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nimmerfroh
Recording Secretary

Addendum to meeting: Following the meeting, Vice President Veronica Villeneuve emailed the minutes from the March Board meeting too the Board members requesting approval. As of 10 am on Friday, April 7th, 6 votes approving the minutes were received via email. This being sufficient to formally approve the minutes, the minutes are now *approved*.
Mary Nimmerfroh, Recording Secretary



Zonta Business Meeting Minutes
3/9/2023
The Crooked Pint, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

Present: Veronica Villeneuve, Vice President; Katie Blum, Gayle Borchert, Debra Kellerman, LeAnne Miller, Mary Nimmerfroh, Glenn Olufson, Joal Peitz, Alicia Reif, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Cindy Slivnik, , Rachel Thompson, Susan Voeltz.

Absent: Laurie Ann Oppel, President, Carol Barrymore, Jan Bensen, Susan Dege, Deb Dingmann, Debra Eid, Vickie Erickson, Nancy Fischer, Mary Garding, Deborah Grant, Stephanie Jussila, Karla Krueger, Linda LaSota, Alice Lenzmeier, Linda Linn, Kayla Perlinger, Lori Rebischke, Bonnie Spohn, Lyndsey Stram, Kimberly Swanson

Guests: Nikki Collovd

Call to Order: Vice President Veronica Villeneuve called the meeting to order at __12:06__ p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Alicia Reif and seconded by Rachel Thompson

Additions/corrections: Addition of the Kayak Committee to agenda

Motion was amended and approved.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Business meeting on 02/09/2023

Treasurer's reports for February 2023

Belinda Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Alicia Reif seconded the motion. *Motion carried.*

BUSINESS:

Advocacy Report – The date for the school internet activity is being pushed back to October due to other activities. On 4/26 Debra Kellerman and Governor Tanya will be doing a speaker meeting which will focus on District strategic planning. Scholarships will be handed out at that time.

Walk Together – Nikki Collovd spoke about the Walk Together on 4/29/23 There is an empty building near Shear Dynamics that will be utilized for gathering on that date. Discussion on when/how to register and who will be working our table.

Service Report – We collected \$640 in gas cards that were distributed amongst the three agencies.

501C3 update – formal application form has been signed and sent to the IRS. Betsey Lund Ross will send Mary Nimmerfroh the information needed to open the bank account.

Nominations Committee – The ballot will be in the ZoNews. Susan Voeltz announced the nominations. Voting will occur at the April Business Meeting.

Scholarships – LeAnne Miller updated the membership of the due dates for applications for the various scholarships.

Finance Committee – meeting on 3/22/23 at 4:30pm in Rachel's Thompson's office.

EVENTS:

Terebinth is holding a fundraisers “Stronger Together” on March 20th.

“*Lift up the Ladies*” is continuing on Thursdays at Jules Bistro starting 3/16. Donate a new bra and received free food and drinks. Starting between 4:30pm and 4:45pm.

Dancing with the stars. There will be a fundraiser on 3/29/23 at Beaver Dam from 5 – 7 PM.
Kayak for a Cause - we are now 5 months out. The event will be on 8/6/23 – the first Sunday in August.
Trivia night Mpls Club – this will be on 3/28/23.
District 7 meetings everything is in the Newsletters

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adjournment: LeAnne Miller moved to adjourn, Seconded by Kati Blum.
Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nimmerfroh
Recording Secretary

CLUB UPDATES



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD TO ZONEWS?

Submit to Rachel@VisitStCloud.com by the first Friday of the month!

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ORTHOPEDICS



EARTH DAY RUN

HALF MARATHON, RELAY, 5K & KIDS' 1K
APRIL 21-22, 2023 | ST. CLOUD, MN

SELECTED AS A CHEER ZONE AT EARTH DAY ON APRIL 22nd!
ZONTA WON!!! \$1,500
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CHEERED!



SHEAR
Dynamics
PRESENTS:

Walk TOGETHER
Uniting Against Sex Trafficking

Saturday, April 29, 9am - 12 pm

Registration: Location TBD, 8:30 am
More info: walktogethermn.org

Proceeds benefit Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center

Walk Together 5K was impactful and successful! 75 participants and wonderful speakers! Zonta was a sponsor of this event.

ZONTA AREA 1 + 3 MEETING Bismarck, ND



BISMARCK, ND ZONTA AREA 1 + 3 MEETING

ZONTA SAYS NOW: What's climate got to do with us?
ZONTADISTRICT7.ORG

APRIL 28, 2023

Tour North Dakota's Gateway to Science
Laughing Sun Brewing Dinner & Axe Throwing

APRIL 29, 2023

Tania Hughes-Kremers Governor's Report
Zonta Foundation Report, Bountiful Baskets, provided by Area 1 & 3 Clubs
D7 Membership Growth & Club Creation Update
Marketplace for Clubs
Climate Change 101: What is Zonta Says NOW

AND Guest Speaker Shelly Lenz on Sustainability
Brainstorming & Recap on Membership Growth & Sustainability

FRIDAY
ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY





Great participation from our club!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- **INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE PROJECT
REPORTS**
- **VETERNARIAN
SPEAKER**
- **AXE THROWING**
- **TOO MANY LAUGHS**



**MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED WILL GIVE PERSONAL UPDATES
AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE CLUB AS A
RECAP FROM EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL/DISTRICT
INITIATIVES.**

MORE TO COME ON ZONTA SAYS NOW

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING + SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Planning was conducted by Deb Kellerman and Tania Hughes



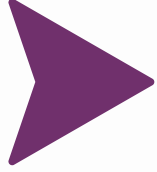
The recipients were strong and all delivered well-written speeches and updates on plans for their future.





**MONDAY
JUNE 12, 2023**

**5:00-8:30PM
COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT**



**DONATE TODAY DIRECTLY TO DANCING WITH OUR STARS
ALL CLUB DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED!**

www.zontastcloudmn.org/dancing

**THE MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR DANCING WITH OUR
STARS IS: "SHE CAN"**

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! \$150 + Fees

**Includes a tap dance experience, Tapas from Jules' Bistro,
Cocktails/Mocktails, Dessert, Silent Auction, Education +
More! 100% of the Ticket goes to Zonta Club of St. Cloud**

**[https://www.eventbrite.com/
e/she-can-a-tapas-soft-
tap-dance-charity-event-
tickets-628600881157](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/she-can-a-tapas-soft-tap-dance-charity-event-tickets-628600881157)**



SHE CAN



**A TAPAS +
SOFT TAP DANCE
CHARITY EVENT
EXPERIENCE**

**THIS UNIQUE EVENT IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL CHARITY
GATHERING AND YOU DON'T NEED ANY PRIOR
EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL TAP SHOES TO
PARTICIPATE - JUST BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM,
GRAB YOUR CLEAN TENNIS SHOES,
AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

BENEFITTING:



**ZONTA
CLUB OF
ST CLOUD**

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**MAY 30
6-9PM
STUDIO B.**

310 2nd St S, Sartell, MN 56377

POWERED BY: JULES' BISTRO



ZONTA GARAGE SALE

12-13
MAY

Visit any time from
8 AM to 5 PM MAY 12
8-Noon May 13

at Deb Kellerman's house
924 Oak Pond Court, Sartell MN 56377

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS, PLEASE BRING THEM MARKED
FOR SALE BY THURSDAY, MAY 11



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ST CLOUD

ALL ARE ASKED TO WORK ONE SHIFT:
EITHER FRIDAY AM OR PM OR SATURDAY AM
EXTRA TABLES NEEDED!



KAYAKING FOR A KAUSE

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 6th, 2023

CLEAR WATERS OUTFITTING COMPANY

5-4-3-2-1 RAFFLE

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BY THE CLUB FOR A CASH RAFFLE. TICKETS ARE \$20/TICKET AND WE ARE ASKING EACH MEMBER TO SELL AT LEAST 5 TICKETS. 350 TICKETS WILL BE PRINTED. PRIZES

WILL BE:

TOP PRIZE: \$500 CASH

2nd: \$400

3rd: \$300

4th: \$200

5th: \$100

Equaling \$1,500 which is the max that we can do WITHOUT needing a gambling license.

**NEW THIS
YEAR!**

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT
KAYKING FOR A KAUSE.
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO
WIN!**

**TICKETS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED ASAP OR SALE
TO ALL MEMBERS!**

Zonta Club of St Cloud Treasurer's Report Period Ending 4/30, 2023

Balance 3/31/2023 checking account	\$ 19,522.49
Receipts	
Membership dues received	\$ 3,007.00
Change 4 Change	\$ 29.42
Christmas House sponsor	\$ 500.00
Tsf from savings for scholarships	\$ 4,450.00
Interest April	\$ 4.58
	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 7,991.00
Disbursements	
ZI dues paid	\$ 1,823.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,823.00
Balance 4/30/23 Checking account	\$ 25,690.49
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT	
BALANCE ON 3/31/2023	\$ 31,365.44
Interest April	\$ 25.05
Tsf to checking for scholarships	\$ (4,450.00)
Balance 4/30/23 Savings account	\$ 26,940.49
Total Accounts	\$ 52,630.98

Proposed budget for 2023-2024

Person In charge	Operating Line Item	2022-23 Budgeted Amount	Expenditures through 4/30	Proposed 2023-24 amount
Laurie/Veronica	Meetings	\$200	\$0 – made \$12.64	\$200
Recommendation: Scholarship Committee determine a budget for recipients' Meals (4/27 expenditure approx.)				
			\$250	\$250
Laurie/Board	Tax Prep/Legal	\$500	\$2,000 (+\$1474)	\$500
Recommendation: Seek Foundation reimbursement				
Mary N/Board	Supplies/Postage	\$300	\$897.12 (new stationery)	\$300
Glenny	Membership	\$400	\$0	\$300
Recommendation: Apply for D7 membership funds - \$300				
Veronica	Advocacy	\$500	\$539.48	\$600
Mary/Mary	Service	\$300	\$0	\$250
(Meals at AMA usually cost the Club nothing, members donate time and supplies)				
Laurie/Board	Convention	\$500	\$0	\$1,000
Recommend: \$50 for each member(non-delegate) in attendance, plus 2 delegates				
Rachel	Website/Social Media	\$400	\$264	\$400
Board	Miscellaneous	\$200	\$158.88	\$200
TOTAL budgeted 2021-22		\$3,300	Spent so far \$5265.72	
(overage due to Foundation/legal fees)				
Proposed Budget for 2023-24				\$4,000**

**(Increase due to allocation to Convention, Scholarship meals, increase to Advocacy, Service)

**So far, \$2,300 (10% of fundraising) is dedicated to operations. I met with Kati and we estimated \$25 x 30 (declining membership) = \$750 (members share of dues allocated to operating expenses) to go toward Operating expenses

\$2,300 + \$750 = \$3,050

Needed from Reserves \$950

Total = \$4,000