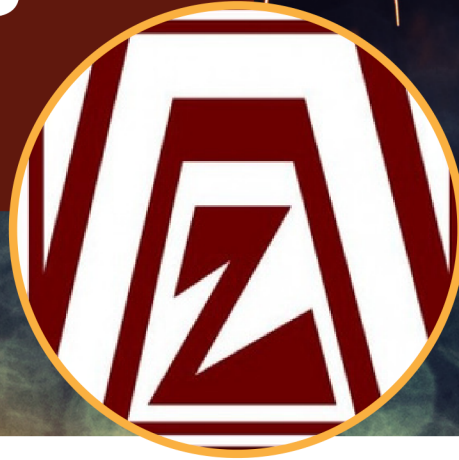


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ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD

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FY 2023-24

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- **Vice President: Veronica Villeneuve**
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 - **Belinda Ryan**
 - **Mary Robak-Saari**
- **Board Members - 1st Term**
 - **Glenny Olufson**
 - **Kati Blum**
- **Past President: Joal Peitz**

NOTICE:

**BOARD NOMINATIONS
+ DELEGATE INFORMATION
ENCLOSED**

THIS EDITION:

Calendar of Events
Meeting Minutes
Financials
Club Updates - NOMINATIONS
ZI Updates - DELEGATE

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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month of January 2024– Human Trafficking Prevention Month (Color is Blue)

January 4– Board Meeting– Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon

January 11 – Amelia Earhart Day

January 11 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ noon

February 1 – Board Meeting – Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon

February 8 –Business Meeting– Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ noon

February 15 – Service Social (Potluck) & Fundraiser – 5:30 pm. Bring \$10 gas GC’s to donate. Items to donate to a silent auction and \$1 bills for surprise event.

March 7 – Board Meeting– Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon/Bring Your Lunch

March 14 – Business Meeting– Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ noon

March ?? – Service Project – PIZZA + CUPCAKES at Anna Marie’s Alliance – DATE TBD

April 4 – Board Meeting– Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon

April 11 – Business Meeting– Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ noon

April ??– Evening Speaker Meeting – DATE TBD

April 19 – 20: AREA MEETING IN AUSTIN, MN

April 27th– A Walk Together: Unite Against Sex Trafficking – Shear Dynamic’s Salon

May 2 – Board Meeting– Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon

May 9, 16 or 23 (TBA) – Annual Meeting

June 27–30 – 2024 Zonta International Convention in Brisbane, Australia

June 30–July 2, 2024 –NAID (North American InterDistrict) Meeting–Indianapolis, IN

July 2024 – Transition Board Meeting, Date, Place and Time, TBA

August 1, 2024 –Board Meeting – Anna Marie’s Alliance at Noon

August 4, 2024– Kayaking For A Kause

August 8, 2024 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon



Zonta Board Meeting Minutes
12/7/23
Anna Marie's Alliance, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

Present: Veronica Villeneuve, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Mary Garding, Rachel Thompson, Glenn Olufson

Absent: Laurie Ann Opper, Katie Blum, Joal Peitz, Lyndsey Stram

Guests: Debra Kellerman, Mary Nimmerfroh, Gail Borchert

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Veronica Villeneuve at 12:02pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order. Pin Penalty was invoked. The agenda for today's meeting was presented for approval. Additions: Allocation made on-line for Service Committee. Mary Robak-Saari moved to approve the agenda, Belinda Ryan seconded the motion. Motion was approved as amended. .

Consent Agenda

Board minutes of 11/02/2023

Treasurer's report of November

Motion to approve was made by Rachel Thompson and seconded by Mary Robak-Saari. Motion was approved.

Correspondence & Requests: Found in ZoNews.

Business:

Tentative Finance Report: Debra Kellerman presented the cash flow report. This was completed in April but not presented at the transition meeting. No concerns were noted.

Nominations Committee: Debra Kellerman stated that group will start in January looking to fill upcoming vacancies of Vice President a two board positions.

Christmas House: Information about event was posted in ZoNews. More tickets were sold in all areas: on-line, by members, by sponsors and cash at the door. Overall it was a very successful event.

Service Committee: Member-sponsored brunch is scheduled for Saturday December 9th at Anna Marie's Alliance. The Menu includes french toast bake donated by Alicia Reif, egg bakes donated by Debra Kellerman, hash browns donated by Mary Robak-Saari, fruit donated by Mary Garding, and yogurt donated by Karla Perlinger. Funds to purchase ham and meat for dishes was contributed by Veronica Villeneuve, Belinda Ryan and Mary Nimmerfroh. There will also be a cookie decorating event after the meal with cookies contributed by Debra Kellerman and Mary Nimmerfroh

with Glennly Olufson contributing the icings. The next event in planning is a cupcake walk tentatively scheduled for March.

Zonta Social: Event is scheduled for Thursday night at Carol Barrymore's house. Details were published in ZoNews.

December Trivia: Glennly Olufson is scheduled for trivia at December business meeting.

Advocacy Committee: 16 days of advocacy campaign in process. Members are encouraged to send any pictures of homes and businesses displaying the orange lights. The I35 Bridge will be lit up orange on Friday night. Members encouraged to car pool if wishing to view.

Reserve Allocation: An on-line vote was complete to transfer money to Service Committee for December brunch at Ana Marie's Alliance. Further discussion indicated that money was received for this event but funds are needed for future service events. New motion was made by Racheal Thompson to transfer \$250 to Service Fund from Miscellaneous Fund. This was seconded by Belinda Ryan and motion was approved.

**Adjournment: Mary Robak-Saari made a motion to adjourn. Mary Garding seconded the motion.
Meeting Adjourned at 12:25pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding
Recording Secretary



Zonta Business Meeting Minutes
12/14/2023
The Crooked Pint, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

Present: Veronica Villeneuve, Vice President; Katie Blum, Gayle Borchert, Susan Dege, Debra Eid, Mary Garding, LeAnne Miller, Glenn Olufson, Lori Rebeschke, Alicia Reif, Mary Robak-Saari, Susan Voeltz.

Absent: Laurie Ann Oppel, Carol Barrymore, Jan Benson, Deb Dingmann, Vickie Erickson, Deborah Grant, Debra Kellerman, Karla Krueger, Linda LaSota, Alice Lenzmeier, Linda Linn, Mary Nimmerfroh, Kayla Perlinger, Joal Peitz, Belinda Ryan, Cindy Slivik, Lyndsey Stram, Rachel Thompson.

Guests: Cara Ruff from Starfish and Charles Hempeck from Anna Marie's Alliance.

Call to Order: Acting President Veronica Villeneuve called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order. Pin Penalty was invoked.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Susan Dege seconded by Katie Blum. Motion was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Business meeting on 11/09/2023

Treasurer's reports for November

Debra Eid made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Glenn Olufson seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

BUSINESS:

Local Zonta Partnering Organizations Update: Cara Ruff presented information on the Starfish program. Contributions are used in a variety of ways such as assisting in areas leading to employment. They are currently working to expand the program. Currently there are 5 individuals in the 18-month program. The goal is to start two more groups in July and also a graduate program. There are also individual programs for specific needs in all areas of life and healthy relationships. The program is centered on giving back to the community and graduates are required to do some volunteer work.

Charles Hempeck presented information on Anna Marie's Alliance. This program works with women and children of domestic abuse. They have a 36 bed shelter with a full time cook and a part-time nurse. They have advocates that work with the residents to get settled and set goals. They offer a children's program. The residents often are pregnant women or women with newborns. Advocates assist in housing, legal aide, schools and case management. They also have 4 units in Sartell with long-term housing. In other cases they work with HRA for housing options. They are planning to break ground this spring with another wing to the existing shelter.

Christmas House Update: This event was very successful with more than 1000 visitors and raising over \$15,000. They wonderful weather and beautiful house contributed to the success. An album with pictures of the decorations will be given to the host. The top 5 decorators for the event were posted on Facebook.

Service Committee Update: A brunch was served at Anna Marie's Alliance on Saturday December 9th. Volunteers also did cookie decorating with the kids. The next event is tentatively set to be a cupcake walk. More information on this will be announced at a later date.

Delegate/Alternative for Zonta International Conference: Any member wanting to be a delegate and/or an alternate should state their interest. The club will contribute \$3000 for delegate and \$1000 for alternate to help with costs. The only requirement is to present information from the conference to the club members.

Scholarship Committee: Members are encouraged to assist in increasing awareness about available scholarships. Specific information is available on St Cloud Zonta website.

Social Event: The holiday event was on December 7th with just a small group of members. There was belly dancing instructions and gift cards distribution to Crisis Nursery. A total of \$250 was given to that organization.

December Trivia: Trivia question was, when was the first issue of The Zontian. Answer was 1923.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adjournment: Glenny Oulfson moved to adjourn, seconded by Susan Dege. Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding
Recording Secretary

Zonta Club of St Cloud

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending Dec 31, 2023

Balance 11/30/2023 checking account	\$ 2,679.72	
Receipts		
	\$ -	
Change 4 Change	\$ 11.00	
December Interest	\$ 0.57	
Total Receipts	\$ 11.57	
Disbursements		
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
Total Disbursements	\$ -	
Balance 12/31/23 Checking account	\$ 2,691.29	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT		
BALANCE ON 11/30/23	\$ 21,870.97	
Interest Dec	\$ 18.58	
Balance 12/31/23 Savings account	\$ 21,889.55	
Total Accounts	\$ 24,580.84	



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NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025

President – two years – vote for one

- Veronica Villeneuve
-

President-Elect – two years – vote for one

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Board – two years – vote for two

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Nominations Committee – one year - vote for three

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Continuing Communications Secretary (ZoNews): Rachel Thompson

Continuing Board Members: Kati Blum & Glenn Olufson (2nd year of term)

Board Member Terms Ending: Mary Robak-Saari & Belinda Ryan

Nominations Committee Members: Debra Kellerman, Joal Peitz, Alicia Reif

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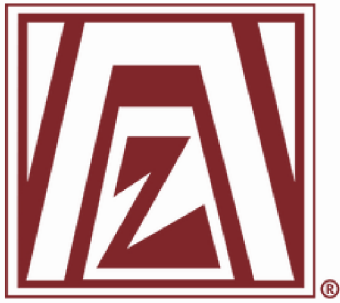
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Updated 01/02/2024



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL



The Zonta Club of St. Cloud is entitled to have one delegate at the Zonta International Convention in 2024.

President Veronica Villeneuve will not be attending the convention.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING THE DELEGATE: FILL OUT AND return the next form to ladesign4@icloud.com by Jan 31st, 2024.

Registration Rates

	Early Registration	Regular Registration	Last Registration
	Ends 15 March	16 March-15 May	16 May-On-site
Member Full	US\$325	US\$355	US\$395
Guest	US\$150	US\$150	US\$165
Member Virtual Only	US\$189	US\$189	US\$210
Member Virtual + One Day On-Site	US\$252	US\$252	US\$280
Golden Z Full	US\$60	US\$60	US\$60
Golden Z Virtual Only	US\$30	US\$30	US\$30

*The rates above are in U.S. Dollars and are exclusive of GST (10%). GST will be added at checkout. Virtual attendees will not have to pay GST.



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The Zonta Club of St. Cloud is entitled to have one delegate at the Zonta International Convention in 2024.

The Board adopted a policy that the membership will vote on the delegate and alternate for the International Conventions. If the current President is going to attend the International Convention and wants to be a delegate, she will have the right of first refusal. After the International Convention, delegates must submit a written report for the ZoNews and an oral presentation at a business meeting.

The table below lists the most recent club delegates to the International Conventions

Year	President	Location	Delegate(s)
2002	Jan Bensen	Paris, France	Jan Bensen
2004	Nancy Fischer	New York City, New York	Nancy Fischer
2006	Linda Linn	Melbourne, Australia	Linda Linn
2008	Linda Linn	Rotterdam, Netherlands	Linda Linn
2010	Susan Voeltz	San Antonio, Texas	Susan Voeltz
2012	Susan Kadlec	Torino, Italy	Susan Kadlec and Gayle Borchert
2014	Gayle Borchert	Orlando, Florida	Debbie Grant
2016	Lori Rebischke	Nice, France	Susan Kadlec and Gayle Borchert
2018	Debbie Grant	Yokohama, Japan	Debbie Grant and Linda Linn
2020		Convention Cancelled	
2022	Laurie Oppel	Hamburg, Germany	Laurie Oppel Deb Kellerman Glenny Olufson (Alt) Susan Dege (Alt)
2024	Veronica Villeneuve	Brisbane, Australia	



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Enter your vote for one delegate and one alternate and return this form to ladesign4@icloud.com by Jan 31st, 2024.

Enter X for your votes	