

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:

WE HAVE A LOT OF EVENTS
COMING UP, PLEASE GET THEM
ON YOUR CALENDARS AND
SUPPORT THEM HOW YOU
CAN!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 6 - Board Meeting

April 13 - Business Meeting

April 22- Earth Day Cheer Zone

April 21 & 22, April 28 & 29—2 Area Meetings...One for Area 1 & 3, the other for Areas 2 & 4

April 26 - Denim Day (A visible means to protest against the misconceptions of victim blaming and destructive myths that surround sexual violence)

April 27 - Evening Speaker Meeting - Strategic Planning with Deb Kellerman + Tania Hughes @coyote moon

April 29 - A Walk Together: Unite Against Sex Trafficking

May 4 - Board Meeting

May 11 - Annual Meeting @coyote moon

May 30- "SHE CAN" Tap Dancing Event

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!!!

August 6th - KAYAKING FOR A KAUSE

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

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEETING IS MAY 11th AT COYOTE MOON!



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ST CLOUD

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

***NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024***

Treasurer – two years – vote for one

- Lyndsey Stram

Recording Secretary – two years – vote for one

- Mary Garding

Board – two years – vote for two

- Kati Blum
- Glenny Olufson

Nominations Committee – one year - vote for three

- Debra Kellerman
- Joal Peitz
- Alicia Reif

Continuing President: Laurie Ann Oppel (2nd year of term)

Continuing Vice President: Veronica Villeneuve (2nd year of term)

Continuing Communications Secretary (ZoNews): Rachel Thompson (2nd year of term)

Continuing Board Members: Belinda Ryan & Mary Robak-Saari (2nd year of term)



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

Finance Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Present: Debbie Grant, Rachel Thompson, Kati Blum, LeAnne Miller, Veronica Villeneuve, Alicia Reif, Debra Kellerman
Absent: Kayla Perlinger

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm. Thank you, Rachel (and CVB) for providing a space to meet and for the beverages.

Agenda Items Discussed:

- Scholarships—LeAnne

The Scholarship committee recommends the following:

- \$450 Haiti School Program
- \$1,000 YWPA
- \$2,000 STEM (2 awards)
- \$1,000 Jane Klausman (pending, applications due 4/1)

TOTAL \$3,450 - \$4,450 to be allocated spring 2023 out of \$5,000 held in reserve.

- After approval at the February Board & Business meetings, this committee has approximately \$30,000+ in funds raised in 2022-23 through the Kayak Event, Christmas House, Marketplace, Change for Change, etc. According to bylaws, our distribution (based on funds raised less fundraising expenses) of \$28,500 less \$5,500 for 2024 scholarships) will be based on \$23,000:
 - \$2,300 – 10% to operations
 - \$5,750 – 25% to Zonta International
 - \$16,000 – local causes (\$14,950 +\$1,000 in reserve from Gen. Equality*, rounded up)
 - \$5,000 toward scholarships (put into reserves in 2022)

*Gen. Equality is the collegiate club we were attempting to launch; \$1,500 has been held in reserve since 2019 (pre-pandemic). All faculty sponsors and students involved in 2019 have retired and/or graduated. The committee recommends \$500 remain in reserve to try to re-launch this Club starting in the fall of 2023 and the remaining \$1,000 be allocated in 2023.

- Recommended allocations/awards for spring of 2023, totaling \$16,000 are:

Anna Marie's Alliance	\$6,500
Terebinth Refuge	\$5,000
CMSAC	\$2,000
Crisis Nursery	\$2,000
Starfish Program	\$ 500 (Cara Ruff, fall evening speaker, program)

- Starting in 2023-24, the Finance Committee will return to soliciting applications for awards (Terebinth Refuge & Anna Marie's Alliance will not need to apply for awards, following past practices).
- The committee recommends we restore the operating balance for Zonta International Convention to \$7,500 (from reserves) for 2023-24 and in 2024, bring the balance back up to \$10,000.
- A budget will need to be presented at the May annual meeting; a request will be sent to the chairs who have budget allocations to help us determine the budget for the 2023-24 year.



Zonta Board Meeting Minutes

3/2/23

Anna Marie's Alliance, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

Present: Laurie Ann Oppel, Kati Blum, Mary Garding, Veronica Villeneuve, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Rachel Thompson, Glenn Olufson

Absent: Mary Nimmerfroh, Joal Peitz

Guests: Susan Voeltz

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Oppel at 12:05pm. 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.

Mary Robak-Saari moved to approve the agenda; Rachael Thompson seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Consent Agenda

Board minutes for 2/3/2023

Treasurer's report for February 2023

Motion to approve was made by Rachel Thompson and seconded by Belinda Ryan. Motion *was approved*.

Business:

Advocacy – Veronica Villeneuve discussed moving the speaker to the Fall/October meeting. The Spring event on April 27th at Coyote Moon will be a strategic planning meeting and will include presentations of scholarships. This will be an appetizer buffet rather than a meal. Annual meeting will also be at Coyote Moon on May 11th.

April Event - Veronica Villeneuve provided updates on upcoming "A Walk Together" which is scheduled for April 29th. Check for sponsorship was submitted. Those attending will register under Zonta sponsorship. Registration is at 8:30am and the walk is 9am to 12N.

Service Report – Reminder that March 8 is Rose Day.

Valentines Social Report - Mary Garding reported that a total of \$640 in gas gift cards were donated. They were distributed with the largest portion going to Anna Marie's and the other half split between Terebinth and Crisis Nursery. Rachel Thompson reported \$1100 was raised by attendees at the February Social for the Women's fund dancing with the stars in Rachel Thompson's name. The money will be matched by Deb Kellerman to equal \$2200. Rachel Thompson indicated the preferred method of donating additional funds is with the on-line portal or checks given to her and written to "Women's Fund Presents".

501-C3 Update - Deb Kellerman provided Laurie Oppel an update that the application forms were almost done and the next step was to submit with signatures.

Nominations Committee – Susan Voeltz indicated the committee reviewed openings on the Board, contacted members and has submitted nominations.

Stronger Together - Open House, free will donation event, on March 28th at Park Event Center in support of Terebinth Refuge.

Trivia Night - Minneapolis Zonta event on March 28th from 6pm 8:30pm at Urban Growler Company.

District 7 conference – To be held in St Cloud in September.

Women's Fund Presents - Rachel Thompson indicated another fundraiser event is on March 29th from 5-7pm at Beaver Island Brewery entitled "Beer Tending for a Cause". Glenn Olufson will find volunteers to work the event.

Adjournment – Belinda Ryan made a motion to adjourn. Mary Robak-Saari seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 1:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding
Acting Recording Secretary

**CLUB
UPDATES**



**DO YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO ADD TO
ZONEWS?**

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



ORTHOPEDECS



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!
GUARANTEED \$500 WITH OPPORTUNITY TO WIN \$1000 IF WE WIN
THE BEST CHEER ZONE!**

**SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE WITH VERONICA - IT WILL BE IN THE
MORNING AND WE WILL BE ASSIGNED THE SPECIFIC LOCATION
SOON. WE NEED PEOPLE THERE CHEERING, MAKING NOISE AND
HAVING FUN!**

STRATEGIC PLANNING

SURROUNDING
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

+ CELEBRATE OUR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

FEATURING

DEB KELLERMAN

+ GOVERNOR TANIA HUGHES



ZONTA
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APRIL 27th

@ COYOTE MOON

480 55th Ave SE, St Cloud, MN 56304

**5:30-
6pm**

ARRIVALS

6pm

APPETIZER BUFFET

**6:30
pm**

SPEAKERS

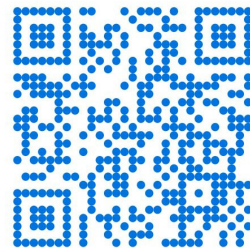
Strategic planning surrounding district and awarding scholarships with Area Director, Deb Kellerman, and Governor, Tania Hughes.

COST: \$25

Please RSVP to Veronica Villeneuve by April 21st. Checks to be made out to Zonta Club of St. Cloud.

Mail to: Zonta Club of St Cloud
P.O. Box 7453
St Cloud, MN 56302-7453

TO PAY BY VENMO





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

FRIDAY
ACTIVITIES

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

SATURDAY

ZONTA IS A SPONSOR OF THIS EVENT, PLEASE REGISTER AND JOIN IN THE WALK! \$30 registration before March 31st

Several stylized butterfly silhouettes in teal and white are scattered around the main title.

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

Register Now!

Early bird registration per person: \$30
Student registration option: \$15/no t-shirt

**Sponsorship
deadline:**

March 31, 2023

After March 31: \$35



LIVE MUSIC!
Donny Brang



**SNACKS & BEVERAGES
PROVIDED**



The 2 teams that raise the largest total donation will win a \$500 certificate at either Bad Habit Brewing Company or Blacklight Adventures. A minimum of \$1000 donation raised under one team name is required to qualify.

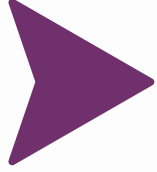
CALL US (320) 251-5009

EMAIL info@sheardynamics.biz



**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

dancing with our Stars Live!

**BEAVER ISLAND
BREWING CO.
TENDING FOR A CAUSE**

MARCH 29, 2023 5-7pm

**RECAP
\$792 RAISED**

Thank you to ALL who attended, donated, and supported!

THE NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR DANCING WITH OUR STARS IS: "SHE CAN" TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON!



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

BENEFITTING:



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

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!

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

Zonta Club of St Cloud

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending 3/31 , 2023

Balance 2/28/2023 checking account	\$ 20,535.20
Receipts	
Dues	\$ -
Change 4 Change	\$ 22.19
Misc Venmo	\$ 19.52
	\$ -
Interest March	\$ 4.34
	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 46.05
Disbursements	
Convention ZI reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00
Dancing with our stars	\$ 58.76
	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,058.76
Balance 3/31/2023 Checking account	\$ 19,522.49
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT	
BALANCE ON 2/28/2023	\$ 31,338.82
Interest March	\$ 26.62
Balance 3/31/2023 Savings account	\$ 31,365.44
Total Accounts	\$ 50,887.93