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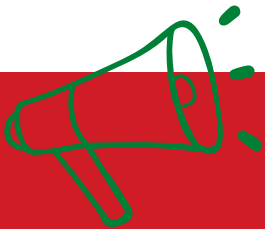
# CHRISTMAS HOUSE EDITION

NOVEMBER 18-19, 2022

## 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 Robak-Saari
- **Board Members - 1st Term**
  - Belinda Ryan
  - Mary Garding
- **Past President:** Joal Peitz



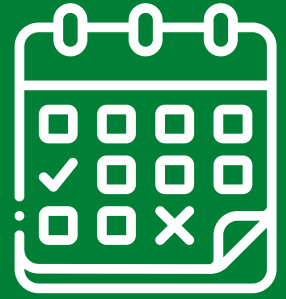
## NOTICE:

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE TICKETS ARE NOW  
ON SALE! EACH MEMBER IS EXPECTED  
TO SELL TICKETS + VOLUNTEER TO  
HELP WITH THE EVENT!  
contact Deb Kellerman to sign up!**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month of November – EVERY MEMBER, EVERY NOVEMBER CAMPAIGN

November 3 – Board Meeting

November 8 – ZI 103rd anniversary

November 10 – Business Meeting, Anna Marie's Center for Family Peace TBD

November 11 – Zonta St Cloud 72nd anniversary --

## **November 18, 19 – Christmas House**

November 25 – December 10 – 16 Days of Activism

December 1 – Board Meeting

December 8 – Holiday Social Belinda Ryan is Hostess- bring a friend and \$10 Gift for exchange, potluck.

December 10- Human Rights Day

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

January 5 – Board Meeting

January 11 – Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 11 – Amelia Earhart Day

January 12 – Business Meeting

February 2 – Board Meeting

February 11—International Day of Women & Girls in Science (STEM)

February 9 – Business Meeting

February 13, 15 or 16 – Advocacy/Service Social & Fundraiser

February 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day

March 2 – Board Meeting

March 8 – International Women's Day, #Zonta Rose Day Every Rose Day/March, acknowledge and honor our members Also Commission on the Status of Women scheduled annually for March

March 9 – Business Meeting

March ?? – Service Project – Cook at Anna Marie's

April 6 – Board Meeting

April –Area Meetings

April 13 – Business Meeting

April –A Walk Together: Unite Against Sex Trafficking

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

April 20 or 27 – Evening Speaker Meeting

May 4 – Board Meeting,

May 11 or 18 – Annual Meeting TBD

June 2023 – Zonta Inter-District in Indianapolis, IN



## **Zonta Board Meeting Minutes**

**10/6/2022**

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

**Present: Laurie Ann Oppel, Kati Blum, Mary Nimmerfroh, Veronica Villeneuve, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Mary Garding, Rachel Thompson, Joal Peitz, Glenny Olufson**

**Absent:**

**Guests: Debra Kellerman**

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Oppel 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.

Belinda Ryan moved to approve the agenda; Mary Garding seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

### **Consent Agenda**

Board minutes of September 2022

Treasurer's report of September 2022

Motion to approve was made by Kati Blum and seconded by Veronica Villeneuve. *Motion was approved.*

### **Business:**

Service and Advocacy – Mary Garding reported that we will be serving lunch at Anna Marie's on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will also be set up for the children to decorate Christmas Cookies on that date. More later. Veronica Villeneuve stated that the committee is working with the Minneapolis Club to light up the 35W bridge during the 16 days of Activism. There followed a discussion about various other lighting opportunities.

Discussions also took place regarding working with the Boys and Girls Club in setting up an informational session for parents regarding trafficking and the internet. April 29<sup>th</sup> is the next walk. *Take back the night* will be held next Thursday at St Bens. Mary Robak-Saari distributed posters and discussed plans. Belinda Ryan, Mary Garding, Mary Nimmerfroh agreed to help on Wednesday with setting up the posters.

Speaker Meeting – This meeting will be at Coyote Moon -we need more people at this time. We need to confirm the numbers by Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

Legal Aid Justice Luncheon – Veronica Villeneuve and Laurie Oppel attended this year's luncheon and updated the board.

Tax status – Belinda received the information from her previous club in Wyoming and distributed it for review. It will be published in ZoNews so that members can review it and decide at the November meeting if we want to go forward or not.

November meeting will be held at the Crooked Pint and we will have guests attending from Anna Marie's, Crisis Nursery, and the Adult Education/GED program.

Christmas House – there will be a marketplace this year. Tickets can be purchased online or from members or at the door or at Coborn's for \$20 each.

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Mary Nimmerfroh*  
**Recording Secretary**



**Zonta Business Meeting Minutes**  
**10/13/2022**  
**The Crooked Pint, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM**

**Present:** Laurie Ann Oppel, President; Veronica Villeneuve, Vice President; Katie Blum, Gayle Borchert, Mary Garding, , Stephanie Jussila, Debra Kellerman, Karla Krueger, Linda LaSota, LeAnne Miller, Mary Nimmerfroh, Glenn Olufson, Alicia Reif, Belinda Ryan, Cindy Slivnik, Rachel Thompson, Joal Peitz, Susan Voeltz, Jan Bensen, Alice Lenzmeier

**Absent:** Susan Dege, Deb Dingmann, Debra Eid, Vickie Erickson, Nancy Fischer, Deborah Grant, Linda Linn, Kayla Perlinger, Lori Rebischke, Mary Robak-Saari, Bonnie Spohn, Lyndsey Stram, Kimberly Swanson

**Guests:** Connie Orth (Crisis Nursery), Charles Hempeck (Anna Marie's), Caroline Nerhus (Adult Education)

**Call to Order:** President Laurie Ann Oppel called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jan Bensen seconded by Joal Peitz.  
*Motion was approved.*

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of Business meetings in August and September 2022

Rachel Thompson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Veronica Villeneuve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

Representatives: Connie Orth (Crisis Nursery), Charles Hempeck (Anna Marie's), and Caroline Nerhus (Adult Education), gave sort presentations on their organizations and what our donations are utilized for. Crisis Nursery covers Stearns, Benton and Wright Counties. There are 4 tests involved in GED and each one costs \$20 with and additional \$20 for a retesting fee. 75% of the students in their program are female.

Speaker Meeting: Veronica Villeneuve reminded everyone of the speaker meeting at Coyote Moon on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Advocacy –A project to “light the town”. 16 days of Activism starts on 11/25 and the goal is to light up buildings and/or houses with orange lights. We are working with the Minneapolis club to list up the I35 bridge. Also working on a program for next spring. *Take back the night* starts at 5:30 at St Bens. We are serving lunch at Anna Marie's on 12/3/2022 along with decorating Christmas cookies.

Christmas House – The decorators are all set up, tickets and posters will be available soon. We have a heated garage so there will be a marketplace this year.

Scholarships – Date for the next committee meeting is 10/26/22. Bonnie Spohn has a new job which precludes here doing the STEM scholarship any longer. Belinda Ryan volunteered to switch to STEM and Karla Krueger is taking over YWPA.

International report – Glenn Olufson gave an update on membership from International's perspectives and discussed here observations at convention. There followed a long discussion on how to increase membership.

Tax Exempt discussion – There was a long discussion on becoming a 501C3. The additional work and the additional benefits to the club were discussed. It was decided that information would be sent out again to members and that a decision would be made by members at the November business meeting.

**Adjournment:** Joal Peitz moved to adjourn, Seconded by Belinda Ryan.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Mary Nimmerfroh*  
**Recording Secretary**

# CLUB UPDATES

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

Submit to [Rachel@VisitStCloud.com](mailto:Rachel@VisitStCloud.com)  
by the first Friday of the month!

# ORANGE THE WORLD

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS!



to Orange the World during the 16 days of Advocacy November 25-December 10.

In partnership with our local Batteries Plus, for **\$13.50** (tax included) you will get:

- A 3-bulb package, 25% discount from retail!!
- LED
- Good in damp weather (indoor or outdoor)
- Delivered in time for November 25-December 10 – 16 Days of Advocacy

The order needs to go in within the week, so please reply **IMMEDIATELY WITH YOUR ORDERS.**

Please think about businesses who would display an orange lightbulb, friends and neighbors, etc. who support Zonta's Say No to Violence against Women long-standing campaign, so you order enough. This will be a first-come, first served deal, we are ordering 10 dozen bulbs.

The bulbs will be here and delivered to you at the CH (if you are working a shift). If we need to ship them to you, postage will be added to your cost. (the total amount due would be included in the package and you could send payment once you receive them)

Checks should be made out to Zonta St Cloud.



**BIG news- We were approved for lighting up the I-35 bridge  
orange on November 25th!!!!**

# **ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD PRESENTS THE 2022 CHRISTMAS HOUSE**

**November 18-19, 2022**



**ALL MEMBERS  
ARE NEEDED TO  
HELP RUN THIS  
EVENT  
SIGN UP FOR  
YOUR TIMESLOT  
WITH DEB  
KELLERMAN**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

**NEW!**

**Buy your tickets online**

[zontastcloud.ticketleap.com/2022zonta-christmas-house/](http://zontastcloud.ticketleap.com/2022zonta-christmas-house/)

**THE ZONTA CH WEBSITE IS BEING UPDATED  
TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD BY MEMBERS AND AT LOCAL  
COBORNS AGAIN IN 2022**



# CLUB UPDATES

# SOCIAL EVENTS!

**BRING A FRIEND!**  
**SIP to our SUCCESS!**

ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD HAPPY HOUR



**JOIN US!**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**  
**5:30PM @ BEAVER ISLAND BREWING**  
**FREE. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

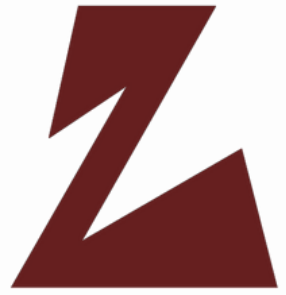
COME AS YOU ARE AND ENJOY  
A DRINK + LAUGHER TOGETHER

**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**DECEMBER 8TH**  
**AFTER WORK**

est. 5:30/6pm start time. Games. Food. Gifts  
location TBD



# CLUB INVOLVEMENT



## INSPIRING HOPE BREAKFAST FOR ANNA MARIES ALLIANCE - PREMIER SPONSOR



## TAKE BACK THE NIGHT





**In memory of Nicole Hammond, Dubow Textile Inc. is partnering with Anna Marie's Alliance for the No Means No Awareness & Memorial Walk Sunday, November 13th. The walk is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. around Lake George. All donations will go to Anna Marie's, and Dubow will match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000.**

Dubow Textile, Inc. is holding a memorial walk to honor an employee who was killed last month.

Prosecutors charged the suspect with second-degree murder in connection to the 28-year-old Hammond's death after he allegedly shot her in the parking lot when she arrived for work the morning of October 24th. According to the criminal complaint, Hammond had repeatedly rejected his romantic advances in the month leading up to the shooting. The night before she was killed, she told him to leave her alone and "not to make things uncomfortable at work." He allegedly admitted to officers he was upset about Hammond's rejection the night before her death.

Bail was set at \$4 million. He is due back in court on November 8th.



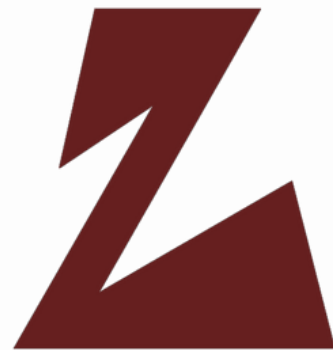
# CLUB INVOLVEMENT SPEAKERS MEETING

**52 Attendees**

**\$200 in donations**

**Full Report to follow**

## INTERNATIONAL UPDATES



**NEW  
ISSUE  
ALERT!**



# Zonta Club of St Cloud

## Treasurer's Report

### Period Ending Oct. 31, 2022

<b>Balance 9/30/2022 checking account</b>	<b>\$ 6,898.15</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
pin penalty Supplies	\$ 4.00
Change 4 Change	\$ 129.93
Christmas House	\$ 10,250.00
Speaker meeting	\$ 1,262.64
Interest Oct	\$ 2.33
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 11,648.90</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
<b>Kayaking for a Kause TSF to savings</b>	<b>\$ 4,226.48</b>
<b>Marketplace TSF to savings</b>	<b>\$ 115.00</b>
<b>Change 4 Change TSF yo savings</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Take Back the Night reimbursement to Mary RS</b>	<b>\$ 39.46</b>
Speaker meeting	\$ 1,250.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 5,830.94</b>
<b>Balance 10/31/22 Checking account</b>	<b>\$ 12,716.11</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT</b>	
<b>BALANCE ON 9/30/22</b>	<b>\$ 26,675.10</b>
<b>Interest oct</b>	<b>\$ 19.42</b>
tsf from Kayak to savings	\$ 4,226.48
tsf from Marketplace to savings	\$ 115.00
tsf from Change for change to savings	\$ 200.00
<b>Balance 10/31/22 Savings account</b>	<b>\$ 31,236.00</b>
<b>Total Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 43,952.11</b>