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ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD

Board of Directors- FY 2023

- **President:** Laurie Ann Oppel
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 - Belinda Ryan
 - Mary Robak-Saari
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 - Glenny Olufson
 - Kati Blum
- **Past President:** Joal Peitz

NOTICE:

**ZONTA CHRISTMAS HOUSE:
NOVEMBER 17-18!**

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER
7TH - HOLIDAY SOCIAL
5:30PM**

THIS EDITION:

**Calendar of Events
Meeting Minutes
Financials
Club Updates
ZI Updates**

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2023-2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month of November - EVERY MEMBER, EVERY NOVEMBER CAMPAIGN

November 2 - Board Meeting - Anna Marie's Alliance @ noon/Bring Your Lunch

November 8 - ZI 104th anniversary

November 9 - Business Meeting - Crooked Pint

November 11 - Zonta St Cloud 73rd anniversary

November 17- 18 - Christmas House Fri 3-9pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Tickets \$20, available at Coborns, Door or online. Each member gets 5 tickets to sell.

November 25 - December 10 - 16 Days of Activism, Light the Town/World Orange

December 7 - Board Meeting - Anna Marie's Alliance

December 7 - Holiday Social + Belly Dancing to benefit Crisis Nursery

December 9 - Anna Marie's Alliance Event - Meal and Cookie Decorating

December 14 - Business Meeting - Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ noon

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

January 4 - Board Meeting - Anna Marie's Alliance @ noon - (changed to Zoom only due to weather).

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 - Cook at Anna Marie's?

April 4 - Board Meeting - Anna Marie's Alliance @ noon/Bring Your Lunch

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

April 18th - Evening Speaker Meeting

April 27(?) - A Walk Together: Unite Against Sex Trafficking - Shear Dynamic's Salon

May 2 - Board Meeting - Anna Marie's Alliance @ noon/Bring Your Lunch

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

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

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
10/05/23
Anna Marie's Alliance, St Cloud, MN

Present: Laurie Ann Oppel, Veronica Villeneuve, Katie Blum, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Mary Garding, Glenny Olufson, Lyndsey Stram

Absent: Rachel Thompson, Joel Peitz

Guests: Debra Kellerman, Mary Nimmerfroh

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Oppel at 12:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Code followed the call to order. Pin Penalty was invoked. The agenda for today's meeting was presented for approval. Additions: Business agenda to include Foundation Update and Venmo sales which will be discussed with Christmas House. Belinda Ryan moved to approve the amended agenda, Katie Blum seconded the motion. Motion was approved as amended.

Consent Agenda

Board minutes of September 2023

Treasurer's report of October 2023

Motion to approve was made by Belinda Ryan and seconded by Katie Blum. *Motion was approved.*

Correspondence: Found in the ZoNews

Business:

Service Report – The 30 bags assembled as service project at District 7 conference were distributed to six local agencies. Pictures are in ZoNews. They were very much appreciated. Take Back the Night event was held on September 28 at Lake George with rally at 6:30pm and march at 8pm. Attendance was noted to be smaller than last year. It was noted that future events need to be highly promoted at business meetings to encourage club participants. The Zona display of a tree with purple lights, butterflies and ribbons attracted positive attention. The display table also had forget-me-not seeds with Zonta label. A single flower was brought to stage as homicide names were announced. The flowers were donated by local florist in St Joseph, Sunny Merry Meadows. The label from the seed package and a card for potential new members were copied from examples brought to District 7 conference by another club. Other examples were reviewed could be used in marketing. Rachel Thompson is working on a draft flyer of St Cloud Club history. Brunch and decorating holiday cookies is scheduled for December 9 at 11am. A flyer for volunteers and/or donations will be passed out at business meeting. Volunteers are encouraged to wear new teal aprons to the event.

Membership Event - A membership event is scheduled for October 26 at Back Shed Brewing. It will be in their event space and include a speaker. There will be some appetizers and a donation area. More details of this event are still in the planning stage. Committee may apply for District 7

membership grant for this event. Potential new member could attend this event and then also attend November and December meetings to be eligible to join for half price membership in January.

Advocacy Report – Committee is working on activities for 16 days of Advocacy from November 25 to December 10th. Request was submitted to light up St Cloud water tower orange for one day during this time. Minneapolis club has requested to light up the I35 Bridge for a different time in 2024. Potentially St Cloud club could request in 2023. It is unknown if the requests will be viewed as separate requestors. If more orange light bulbs are donated, they will be available at member event and Christmas House for sale.

Market Place Report – Joel Peitz not available for report.

Foundation Update – Club attorney received a call from IRS to get a copy of foundation bylaws. This indicates progress on the application

Christmas House Report – There are seven new decorators and plans are going well. Tickets are available with the goal of 1000 visitors this year. Last year was 800. The increase in sales would fund additional smaller grants as was done a few years ago. There was a long discussion regarding the use of Venmo. St Cloud Zonta club has a venmo account but there is not one for the foundation. Christmas House ticket money goes to the foundation and so tickets can't be paid with venmo. Tickets can be sold with credit card on the website. All members will be reminded of these options at the business meeting.

Holiday Social – Zonta club social event will be December 7. This will be discussed at business meeting. If no one else is interested in hosting, then Veronica Velleneuve will host.

Trivia – Belinda Ryan will bring trivia question and prize to October Business Meeting.

Adjournment – Mary Robak-Saari made a motion to adjourn. Veronica Villeneuve seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 12:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding
Recording Secretary



Zonta Business Meeting Minutes
10/12/2023
The Crooked Pint, St Cloud, MN

Present: Laurie Ann Oppel, President; Carol Barrymore, Katie Blum, Gayle Borchert, Mary Garding, Debra Kellerman, Alice Lenzmeier, Glenn Olufson, Alicia Reif, Belinda Ryan, Lyndsey Stram, Susan Voeltz.

Absent: Veronica Villeneuve, Vice President; Jan Bensen, Susan Dege, Deb Dingmann, Debra Eid, Vickie Erickson, Deborah Grant, Karla Krueger, Linda LaSota, Linda Linn, LeAnne Miller, Mary Nimmerfroh, Kayla Perlinger, Joal Peitz, Lori Rebeschke, Mary Robak-Saari, Cindy Slivnik, Rachel Thompson,

Guests: Connie from Crisis Nursery

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. Pin Penalty was invoked.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Susan Voeltz, seconded by Belinda Ryan.

Additions/corrections: Addition of former member update and holiday social. Item of attorney bill will be covered in 501-C3 update and topic of Venmo will be included with Christmas House Update.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Business meeting on 09/14/2023

Treasurer's reports for September

Katie Blum made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Alice Lenzmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence and Requests: Found in September 2023 ZoNews.

BUSINESS:

Domestic Violence Awareness: October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. There are various events planned.

Guest Speakers: Connie from Crisis Nursery presented overview of organization. She currently supervises the staff in Stearns, Benton and Crow Wing counties. They provide child care services and receive calls 24/7. They work with other local agencies but receive no government funding. They rely on contributions and currently are in need of size 5 and 6 diapers and wet wipes. Phone number is 320-654-1090. Guest speaker for Anna Marie's was not available but hopefully can attend next month.

Inspiring Hope Breakfast: This fundraising event for Anna Marie's Alliance will be held Tuesday, October 24th. Registration must be in by Friday October 13th.

Advocacy Update: Committee is working on activities for 16 days of Advocacy from November 25 to December 10th. Request was submitted to light up St Cloud water tower orange for one day during this time. Our club is not able to light up the I35 Bridge as Minneapolis club has requested to light is up for a different date and only one request can be made per organization. If more orange light bulbs are donated, they will be available at member event and Christmas House for sale.

Membership Event: A flyer has been made and will be posted for the membership event. This will be Thursday, October 26th at Back Shed Brewing. Sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to bring appetizers. This event will be a combination of social event and then a speaker on mental health.

Holiday Social: Tentative date for club holiday social will be Thursday, December 7th at Carol Barrymore's house. Members can bring a guest as well as a \$10 gift exchange. Tentatively there may be belly dancing with donations to Crisis Nursery.

Service Update: "Bolt" bags from D7 conference were equally distributed to: Anna Marie's Alliance, Sartell Safe Room, Terebinth, Sexual Assault Center, Central Minnesota Mental Health Center and Food Shelf. There was a table and Zonta display set up at Take Back the Night event on September 28th at Lake George. A tree was decorated in purple lights, ribbons and butterflies. Zonta club was responsible for reading off names of 2022 victims of domestic violence while individual flowers were brought to the stage. A brunch is scheduled at Anna Marie's Alliance on December 9th. Volunteers needed starting about 9:30am for serving at 11am. Sign-up sheet and menu will be available at next business meeting.

Christmas House Update: Posters for event are available and all decorators are lined up. Tickets are going out to members and sponsors. Volunteers are needed for greeting and directing guests at the event. Contact Susan Voeltz to sign up. The goal is 1000 visitors this year. Last year was 800. There was an explanation regarding the use of Venmo. St Cloud Zonta club has a Venmo account but there is not one for the foundation. Christmas House ticket money goes to the foundation and so tickets can't be paid with Venmo at this time. The St Cloud Foundation Board will evaluate the potential for another Venmo account but there are costs associated with this service. Tickets can be sold with credit card on the website.

501-C3 Update: Payment of \$1474 for legal fees needed to organize foundation and set up non-profit status was published in newsletter. This bill had not previously been approved by the club. Motion was made by Deb Kellerman and seconded by Katie Blum to approve this bill. Motion carried. Letter has been received dated September 28, 2023, that St Cloud Zonta Foundation request for non-profit status has been approved. This is a huge accomplishment.

Past Member Update: Nancy Fischer, past member, retired up north and is doing well.

October Trivia: Laurie Oppel was the winner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Area meeting for Areas 1 and 3 will be April 6th in Austin.

**Adjournment: Carol Barrymore moved to adjourn, Seconded by Belinda Ryan
Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding
Recording Secretary

Zonta Club of St Cloud

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending Oct. 31, 2023

Balance 9/30/2023 checking account	\$ 4,092.42
	0
Receipts	
Interest October	\$ 0.74
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	.
Total Receipts	\$ 0.74
Disbursements	
Christmas House Print Materials	\$ 292.48
Reimburse Deb K Christmas House Supplies	\$ 683.88
Take Back the Night reimbursement to Mary RS	\$ 259.72
	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,236.08
Balance 10/31/23 Checking account	\$ 2,857.08
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT	
BALANCE ON 9/30/23	\$ 21,834.47
Interest oct	\$ 18.54
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
Balance 10/31/23 Savings account	\$ 21,853.01
Total Accounts	\$ 24,710.09

CLUB UPDATES



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

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

**We are starting the search for our next BOD,
interested in a seat on the board?
Contact Nominations Chair: Deb Kellerman!**

ZONTA ST. CLOUD CLUB IN ACTION!

LEGAL AID LUNCHEON

ANNA MARIE'S HOPE BREAKFAST

FALL SOCIAL AT BACKSHED BREWING



**SUBMIT PHOTOS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ZONEWS
RACHEL@VISTSTCLOUD.COM**

IT'S HERE!!!

2023 CHRISTMAS HOUSE

TICKET

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THANK YOU
TO THE
CHRISTMAS
HOUSE
COMMITTEE!



FRIDAY, NOV 17
3 - 9PM

SATURDAY, NOV 18
9AM - 4PM

22807 RAUSCH LAKE ROAD
ST. CLOUD, MN 56301

REMINDERS:

BRING YOUR TICKET REVENUE TO DEB KELLERMAN AT
THE BUSINESS MEETING OR AT YOUR SHIFT. PUT THE
MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT!

*SUSAN V WILL BE REMINDING YOU OF THE SHIFT YOU
SIGNED UP TO WORK!



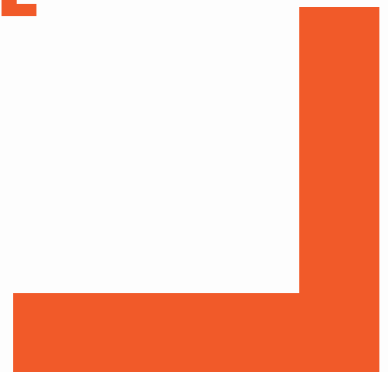
**GOAL:
\$25
BY EACH MEMBER
IN NOVEMBER**

LIGHTING THE WORLD ORANGE

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

November 25 – December 10

**PLEASE USE YOUR
ORANGE BULBS TO
LIGHT YOUR HOMES,
BUSINESSES ORANGE!
WE HAVE REQUESTED
THE CITY TO TURN THE
TOWERS ORANGE
AGAIN**



BENEFITTING CRISIS
NURSERY

SAVE THE DATE

ZONTA HOLIDAY SOCIAL
+ BELLY DANCE LESSONS

DECEMBER 7TH

5:30 - SOCIAL

6PM - LESSONS

POTLUCK + GAMES TO FOLLOW

MORE DETAILS TO COME

BRING GIFTCARDS TO BENEFIT
CRISIS NURSERY

THEY ARE ASKING FOR:

\$20 TARGET/WALMART (for Diapers)

AND/OR

\$10 GAS GIFTCARDS

CAROL BARRYMORE'S HOUSE
6932 43RD AVE SE
ST CLOUD, MN 56304



HOLIDAY BRUNCH + COOKIE DECORATING

@ ANNA MARIE'S ALLIANCE



DECEMBER 9th

READY TO SERVE @ 11:30 am



SIGN UP TO HELP!
CONTACT: MARY GARDING



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October's Remarkable Women: Jane Milburn

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Jane Milburn

Founder of Textile Beat, a purpose-driven brand that inspires a creative approach to the way we dress
Author of "Slow Clothing: Finding Meaning in What We Wear"

2019 Churchill Fellow
Member of the Order of Australia Medal for services to fashion sustainability

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Meet our next remarkable woman: ElsaMarie D'Silva

Meet ElsaMarie D'Silva

Founder of the Red Dot Foundation (India) and President of the Red Dot Foundation Global (USA)

Co-founder of the Brave Movement, a coalition to end global childhood sexual abuse

Co-founder of Beyond Black, a social enterprise that leverages art for good

Former W7 advisor under the German G7 Government



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