

# 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:** Lyndsey Stram
- **Recording Secretary:** Mary Garding
- **Communications Secretary:** Rachel Thompson
- **Board Members- 2nd term**
  - Belinda Ryan
  - Mary Robak-Saari
- **Board Members - 1st Term**
  - Glenny Olufson
  - Kati Blum
- **Past President:** Joal Peitz

## NOTICE:

**HOLIDAY SOCIAL:  
DECEMBER 7TH @ 5:30PM  
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS**

## THIS EDITION:

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

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

# 2023-2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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**

# 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!

## A NOTE FROM SISTER COLLEEN

**IF YOU WISH TO MAIL  
HER A CARD:  
her address is  
104 Chapel Lane,  
St Joseph, MN 56374**



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!**

**I just wanted to say that I have appreciated so much the contacts you have made with me throughout my heart procedure and stroke. I am at our St Scholastica Care Center in St Cloud receiving wonderful personal cares and scheduled physical and occupational therapy. I am learning how to improve my eye coordination through games on my tablet and trying to learn how to use my new smartphone with large fonts and voice activation. My eyesight was affected with the stroke so I need help with a magnifying glass to use the current land line phone and the TV remote. I need to regain my strength and stamina and am trying so hard to recuperate enough to go back to St Ben's Monastery.**

**I am not a "happy camper" right now but I am trying so hard to accept God's will for me and be at peace with my stage in life.**

**I am not able to respond to all your cards, gifts and phone calls but know I deeply appreciate you thinking of me during this time. I am not checking emails without the help of Sister Linda so forgive us if we don't reply to them.**

**Sister Colleen**

**SUBMIT PHOTOS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ZONEWS  
[RACHEL@VISTSTCLOUD.COM](mailto:RACHEL@VISTSTCLOUD.COM)**

# IT HAPPENED!

2023 CHRISTMAS HOUSE

# TICKET

32ND ANNUAL

THANK YOU  
TO THE  
CHRISTMAS  
HOUSE  
COMMITTEE!



FRIDAY, NOV 17  
3 - 9PM

SATURDAY, NOV 18  
9AM - 4PM

# RESULTS:

**PRELIM RESULTS ARE IN....**

**ESTIMATED REVENUES: \$25,880.68**

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES: \$2,524.69**

**ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL: \$23,355.99**

**1K+ PEOPLE THROUGH THE HOUSE!**

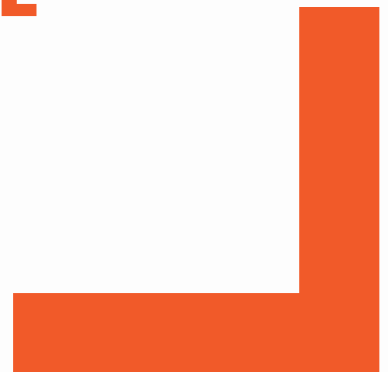


# LIGHTING THE WORLD **ORANGE**

## **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

# HOLIDAY PARTY

ZONTA HOLIDAY SOCIAL  
+ BELLY DANCE LESSONS

DECEMBER 7TH

5:30 - SOCIAL

6PM - LESSONS

POTLUCK + GAMES TO FOLLOW

RSVP TO CAROL:  
[CBARRRYMORE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CBARRRYMORE@GMAIL.COM)

BRING A WRAPPED GIFT  
(UNDER \$20 VALUE)

CARPOOL IF POSSIBLE

BRING GIFTCARDS TO BENEFIT CRISIS NURSERY  
THEY ARE ASKING FOR:  
\$20 TARGET/WALMART (for Diapers)  
AND/OR \$10 GAS GIFTCARDS

HOLIDAY ATTIRE ENCOURAGED  
(UGLY SWEATERS, ETC)

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

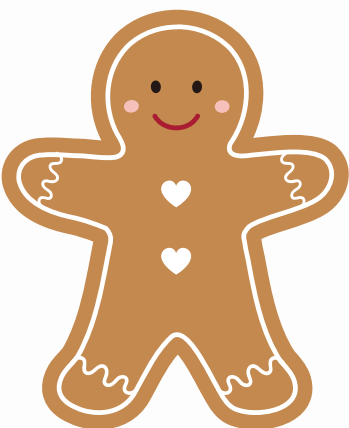


# HOLIDAY BRUNCH + COOKIE DECORATING

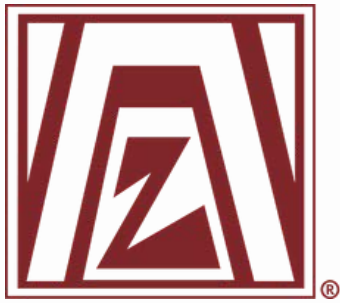
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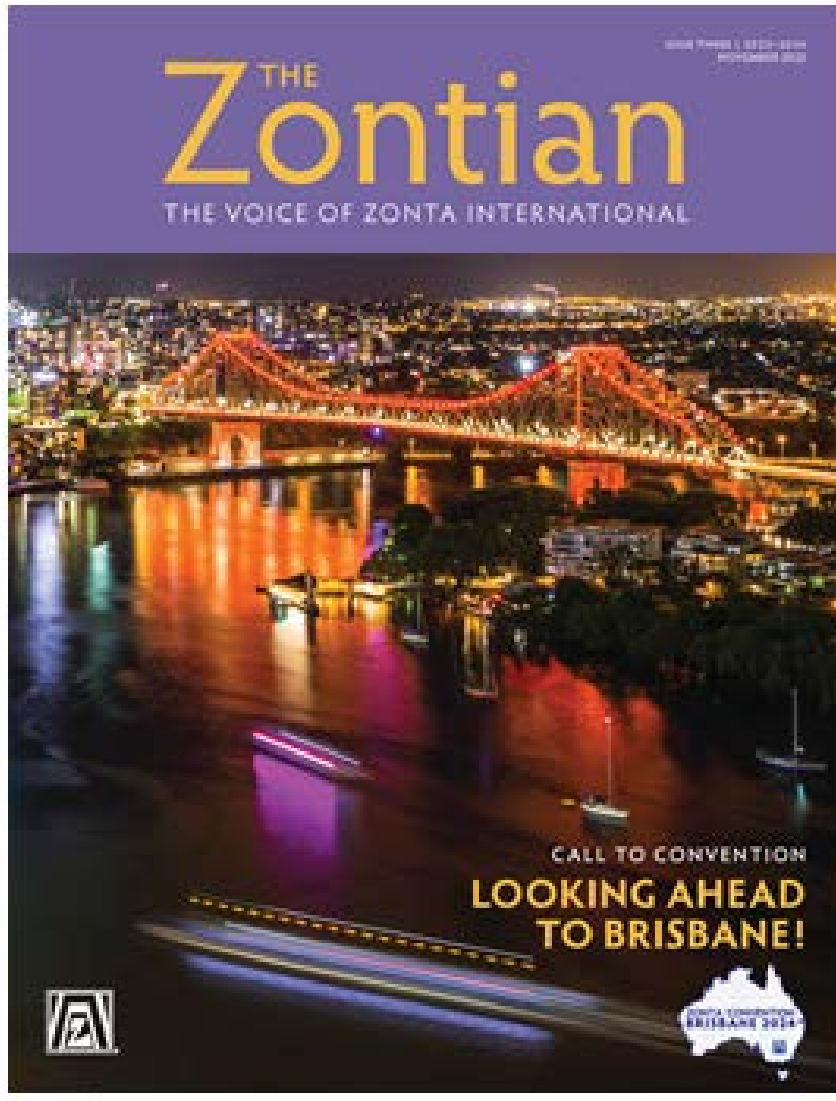
**DECEMBER 9th**  
**READY TO SERVE @ 11:30 am**



**SIGN UP TO HELP!**  
**CONTACT: MARY GARDING**



# ZONTA INTERNATIONAL



**Looking Ahead to Brisbane  
2022-2024 | Issue 3 | November 2023 |  
Call to Convention issue**

- **A message from International President Ute Scholz**
- **Looking forward: Zonta, Gender Equity, and a Vision for 2030 & Beyond**
- **Invisibility of women**
- **Achieving climate justice**
- **Thank you for Adding Your Voice**
- **Call to Convention: Brisbane 2024**
- **Recognizing our 25+ year members**
- **Connecting at conferences**
- **Zontians in action**
- **Celebrating diversity in your club**
- **Everyday mission**
- **Welcome to new clubs**

[https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/NewsEvents/ZontianMag/Zontian\\_November2023.pdf](https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/NewsEvents/ZontianMag/Zontian_November2023.pdf)