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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:
VALENTINES DAY SOCIAL!
FEBRUARY 16th @ 5:30

A NIGHT OF:

**WINE - CHOCOLATES - SILENT AUCTION - CHARITY DRIVE -
POTLUCK APPETIZERS - AND A SURPRISE EVENT (BRING CASH)**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2 – Board Meeting

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

February 9 – Business Meeting

February 16 – Advocacy/Service Social & Fundraiser VALENTINES DAY SOCIAL AND GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER w/ SILENT AUCTION

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 13 – Business Meeting

April –A Walk Together: Unite Against Sex Trafficking

April 21 & 22, April 28 & 29—2 Area Meetings...One for Area 1 & 3, the other for Areas 2 & 4...more details to follow when locations are chosen etc. Sounds like a fun "Road Trip"!

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 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.



Zonta Business Meeting Minutes
1/12/23
The Crooked Pint, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

Present: Laurie Ann Oppel, President;, Jan Bensen, Katie Blum, Gayle Borchert, Mary Garding, Deborah Grant, Debra Kellerman, Alice Lenzmeier, LeAnne Miller, Mary Nimmerfroh, Joal Peitz, Alicia Reif, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Cindy Slivnik, Rachel Thompson, Susan Voeltz.

Absent: Veronica Villeneuve, Carol Barrymore, Susan Dege, Deb Dingmann, Debra Eid, Vickie Erickson, Nancy Fischer, Stephanie Jussila, Karla Krueger, Linda LaSota, Linda Linn, Kayla Perlinger, Lori Rebischke, Bonnie Spohn, Lyndsey Stram, Kimberly Swanson

Guests: Jane Resutelk, Therese Olson

Call to Order: President Laurie Ann Oppel called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 Alice Lenzmeier
Motion was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Business meeting for December 2022

Treasurer's reports for December 2022

Mary Garding made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Joal Peitz seconded the motion. *Motion carried.*

BUSINESS:

Service – There will be a February Social on February 16th at Rachel Thompson's Party Room. It will be an appetizer/desert pot luck and members are asked to bring gas cards in \$10 increments.

Christmas House – Debra Kellerman presented the final report on Christmas House which was printed in the ZoNews. The final recommendation is that \$30,000 (when combined with Kayak) be distributed.

Finance Report – This was also printed in the ZoNews and was reviewed by Deb. Kellerman.

501c3 update – Foundation papers have been filed and accepted. The first board of directors has been established. They are Laurie Oppel, Veronica Villeneuve, Mary Nimmerfroh and Debra Kellerman. The 1023 paperwork is in progress. We do have a letter from the IRS with our EIN number.

Minnesota State Fair – There was a long discussion about establishing a table at the MN State Fair in conjunction with the Minneapolis Club. There was also discussion regarding doing a table at the county fair.

New Clubs – Past Governor Gayle Borchert discussed Zonta International's desire to establish clubs in Iowa or Nebraska. There will be a ZOOM meeting in April to discuss the possibilities. The plan is to set up clubs in Des Moines, IA and Lincoln, NE. 15 members are need to start a club. Anyone with contacts in that area are encouraged To contact Gayle Borchert.

District 7 meeting – The 2023 District 7 meeting will be held in St Cloud. The committee is looking for members to help facilitate this meeting.

Kayak – This committee will be meeting soon.

Area Meeting -- The combined area 1 & 3 meeting will be held in Bismarck. It will be only an in person meeting. ZOOM will not be utilized.

February Social Event vote –the members were formally requested to vote on having a February Social and it was approved by voice vote.

Adjournment: Debbie Grant moved to adjourn, Seconded by Belinda Ryan
Meeting adjourned at 12:53PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nimmerfroh
Recording Secretary



Zonta Board Meeting Minutes

1/5/23

ZOOM

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

Absent: Belinda Ryan, Glenny Olufson

Guests: Debra Kellerman

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Oppel at 12:04pm. 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, Rachel Thompson seconded the motion. *Motion was approved.*

Consent Agenda

Board minutes of December 2022

Treasurer's report of December 2022

Motion to approve was made by Veronica Villeneuve and seconded by Mary Robak-Saari. *Motion was.*

Business:

Advocacy – Next event is in progress. Nothing really new to report at this time.

District 7 Conference -- Laurie Oppel brought up the conference and Deb Kellerman recommended she Governor Tanya. There was a discussion regarding the joint Area 1 & 3 meeting on 4/28/23 in Bismarck.

Service – No update at present. The committee is meeting this month.

Christmas House -- Final update for Christmas house was presented and reviewed. Expecting approximately \$2500 to be available for disbursing.

501C3 – Deb Kellerman advised that our attorney's husband has been hospitalized three times in past month which has delayed this a little, but it is going forward.

Finance Report – Spreadsheet report is published in the Newsletter which went out today. Deb Kellerman reviewed the report. Expect a total of \$30,000 to allocate.

Scholarships – There was a discussion regarding maybe setting up recurring scholarships. Possibility of renewing the scholarship if the recipients participate in our events.

February Social – There was a discussion regarding whether or not to have a Social around Valentine's Day. Rachel Thompson is willing to host. It will be brought up at business meeting. Potential date 2/16/23 with a pot luck, donations and silent auction.

Adjournment – Mary Robak-Saari made a motion to adjourn. Rachel Thompson seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nimmerfroh
Recording Secretary

CLUB UPDATES



WOMENS FUND PRESENTS

DO YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO ADD TO
ZONEWS?

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



dancing with our stars *Live!*

**MONDAY
JUNE 12, 2023**

**5:00–8:30PM
COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT**

This year's event will feature a dance competition between six local celebrities who have been paired with a professional partner to face off for the chance to win up to **\$15,000** for the non-profit program/organization of their choice that supports women and girls! This prize money is ON TOP of all donations raised by the dancers.

ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD HAS BEEN SELECTED AS ONE OF THE CHARITIES DUE TO ITS NEW NON PROFIT STATUS + SELECTION BY RACHEL THOMPSON! **LETS ALL WORK TOGETHER TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT AND GET MORE MONEY FOR ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD!** Donations can be made out to "Womens fund presents" with Rachel Thompson in the memo line. Checks (cash) can be turned into Rachel.



**ALL MEMBER DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED BY DEB KELLERMAN.
A HUGE THANK YOU TO DEB FOR MAKING OUR DOLLARS TWICE AS IMPACTFUL!**
(with a total amount up to \$25,000)



THIS YEAR'S DANCERS...

Community Star, **Ayan Omar** from District 742, will dance with pro Jesús Sandoval to benefit the **Local Activities Education Foundation (LEAF) for District 742.**

Community Star, **Christine Skoog** with Christine's Cheesecakes, will dance with pro Matthias Meyer to benefit **Tanner's Team.**



Community Star, Rachel Thompson from Visit Greater St. Cloud, will dance with pro Amber Schmiesing to benefit Zonta Club of St. Cloud.

Community Star, **Ben Anderson** from the St. Cloud Fire Department, will dance with pro Shantelle DesMarais to benefit **St. Cloud COP House.**

Community Star, **Jason Miller** from Premier Real Estate Services, will dance with pro Janell Missler to benefit **St. Cloud Hospital NICU.**

Community Star, **Franco Cusipag** from Sherburne State Bank, will dance with pro Lucille Guinta to benefit the **INDY Foundation.**

HERE'S HOW THE CONTEST IS GOING TO WORK.....

The winner is going to be based upon their score from the judges as well as how many dollars they raise for their charity. 40% on judges score and 60% on dollars raised. All the dollars raised will go directly to the organization.

1st Place - \$15,000

2nd Place - \$10,000

3rd Place - \$5,000

4th-6th Place - \$3,000



JOIN US FOR A

Valentines

FEB 16, 2023
5:30pm



**SOCIAL EVENT
& GAS CARD
FUNDRAISER**

A NIGHT OF:

**WINE - CHOCOLATES - SILENT AUCTION - CHARITY DRIVE -
POTLUCK APPETIZERS - AND A SURPRISE EVENT (BRING
DOLLAR BILLS)**

1261 10th Ave NE SAUK RAPIDS MN 56379

♥ **SPREAD THE LOVE** ♥

**PLEASE BRING GAS GIFTCARDS (IN \$10 INCREMENTS)
TO DONATE TO OUR CHARITIES,
DOLLAR BILLS FOR SPECIAL EVENT
+ AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE**

**RSVP TO RACHEL: [RACHEL@VISITSTCLOUD.COM](mailto:rachel@visitstcloud.com) + LET HER KNOW IF
YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING A SILENT AUCTION ITEM AS WELL.**

UPDATES

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!



Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded annually to women of any nationality pursuing a business or business-related degree who demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Online students are also eligible. The local St. Cloud scholarship award of US \$1,000 may be used for tuition, books, or living expenses at any university, college, or institution offering accredited business courses and degrees. The scholarship will be paid directly to the institution in your name. Applications must be submitted directly to the local Zonta club. The local \$1,000 award winner's entry is submitted to a District Level competition for consideration of one of 37 \$5,000 scholarships.

The Jane M. Klausman scholarship is due by April 1, 2023.

[APPLY HERE](#)

www.zontastcloudmn.org/



The Nominating Committee is looking to fill a number of positions for next years board. Let Joal Peitz, Deb Kellerman, or Susan Voeltz know if you are interested to serve or have questions about how to get involved.



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

DISTRICT 7 IS FORMING NEW CLUBS

District 7 is forming new clubs in
Springfield, Missouri
Des Moines, Iowa
Lincoln, Nebraska



We are asking that you as a Zonta members SHARE.
How? We want you to share the names of friends, family, co-workers or who might be a prospective member from these areas and would be interested in learning about Zonta. We would like to you to forward their names and emails to Gayle Borchert at gayle.borchert@co.stearns.mn.us or Deb Kellerman at debrakellerman51@gmail.com.

We are planning a Zoom informational meeting in March/April for all interested parties to hear about Zonta. We will be inviting all District 7 members to come and share their excitement for Zonta with these prospective members.

Gayle Borchert
District 7 Club Creator

Zonta Club of St Cloud

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending Jan. 30, 2023

Balance 12/31/22 checking account	\$ 21,948.32	
Receipts		
	\$ -	
Change 4 Change	\$ 15.77	
Interest Jan	\$ 4.54	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
Total Receipts	\$ 20.31	
Disbursements		
Christmas house	\$ 500.00	
kayaking for a Kause reimbursement Alicia Reif	\$ 579.30	
	\$ -	
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,079.30	
Balance 1/31/23 Checking account	\$ 20,889.33	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT		
BALANCE ON 12/31/22	\$ 31,288.23	
Interest Jan	\$ 26.57	
Balance 1/31/23 Savings account	\$ 31,314.80	
Total Accounts	\$ 52,204.13	