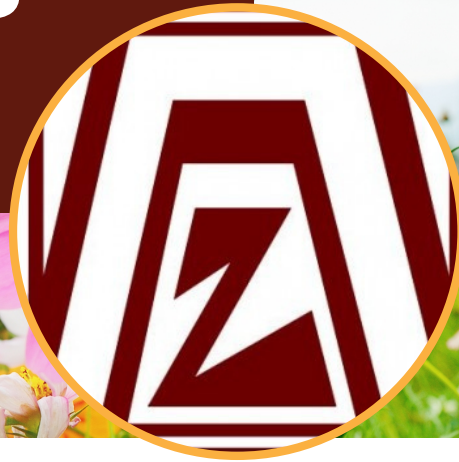


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ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD

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 - **Glenny Olufson**
 - **Kati Blum**
- **Past President: Joal Peitz**

NOTICE:



NEW MEMBER PROFILE!



**APRIL SPRING EVENT
"SHE BLOOMS" on 4/11**

THIS EDITION:

Calendar of Events
Meeting Minutes
Financials
Club Updates

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

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7 – Board Meeting– Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon/Bring Your Lunch

March 14 – Business Meeting– Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ noon

March 9 – Service Project – Lunch at Anna Marie’s, 11-1 pm. Pizza and cupcakes to decorate. Cupcake walk. Balloon animals. Donations appreciated!

April 4 – Board Meeting– Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon

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

April 11– Evening Speaker Meeting – Jules’ Bistro, Speaker is Debra Ocloo Co-founder of W.O. W. (Women of Worth). Bring a friend to make this a membership event as well. Appetizers will be provided...Free will offering. 5:30 pm

April 19 – 20: AREA MEETING IN AUSTIN, MN

April 27th–A Walk Together: Uniting Against Sex Trafficking, Hosted by Shear Dynamic’s Salon, \$30 early bird fee, After 3/31 fee is \$35. 8:30am registration, 9am-10:30am Speakers, 10:30am -12:00 pm Walk. Meet at the Old Ramada Inn (121 Park Ave S, St Cloud, 56301.

May 1– Creating Hope (Chefs Gala Supporting Anna Marie’s Alliance), Harvester Square, St Cloud.

May 2 – Board Meeting– Anna Marie’s Alliance @ noon

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

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

June 30–July 2, 2024 –NAID (North American InterDistrict) Meeting–Indianapolis, IN

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 Cause

August 8, 2024 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon



Zonta Board Meeting Minutes
2/1/24
Anna Marie's Alliance, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

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

Absent: Joal Peitz, Glenny Olufson

Guests: Debra Kellerman

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. Veronica Villeneuve seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Consent Agenda

Board minutes of 1/4/24

Treasurer's report of January 2024

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

Correspondence & Requests: Found in ZoNews.

Business:

Spring Event: Spring Event will combine a speaker meeting with a membership event. It will be held at the Regency Event Center and with Jules Bistro doing the appetizers and cash bar. Zonta will cover the costs and submit an application for grant money since it is a membership event. Any non-member may do a free-will gift for the speaker. The speaker is Debora Ocloo, a member of the St Cloud Police Department that founded Women of Worth (WOW) program. Social Hour will start at 5:30pm with the speaker at 6pm. Board discussed ways of meeting and greeting visiting attendees for potential recruitment to Zonta. Jules Bistro will assist in advertising the event.

February Social: Social event will be at Lori Rebischke's house. There will be games and silent auction items. All attendees are encouraged to bring \$10 gift cards. Proceeds will be donated to Anna Marie's Alliance, Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center and Terebinth Refuge.

Service Committee Report: Pizza and cupcake walk at Anna Marie's Alliance will be on Saturday, March 9th. Help is needed with balloon animals, assisting with lunch and decorating cupcakes. Donations of food and money for the event are also needed. On April 27th from 9am to 12N will be the "Walk to Remember". Registration is on-line and participants sign-in at 8:30am. St Cloud Zonta Club has already submitted \$500 for sponsorship to this event that supports Central Minnesota

Sexual Assault Center. St. Cloud Zonta Club will have a table at the event to show support and encourage new members.

Marketplace: Items will be ready for area meeting. All members are encouraged to save colored glass to make sea sand necklaces.

February Trivia: Veronica Villeneuve will present trivia question at February Business Meeting.

Nominations Committee report: Email notification for nominations for 2025 positions was completed. The committee expects to present results at next week's business meeting.

Delegates for Zonta International Conference: Email ballots resulted in Debra Kellerman as first delegate with Deborah Grant as alternate. Second delegate is Gayle Borchert and Susan Dege as alternate.

Adjournment: Mary Robak-Saari made a motion to adjourn. Kati Blum seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 12:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding
Recording Secretary



Zonta Business Meeting Minutes
02/08/2024
The Crooked Pint, St Cloud, MN and ZOOM

Present: Laurie Ann Oppel, President; Veronica Villeneuve, Vice President; Carol Barrymore, Kati Blum, Gayle Borchert, Susan Dege, Mary Garding, Deborah Grant, Debra Kellerman, Karla Krueger, Alice Lenzmeier, Mary Nimmerfroh, Joal Peitz, Lori Rebischke, Alicia Reif, Shauna Retka, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Lyndsey Stram, Rachel Thompson, Susan Voeltz, Jamie Wienke

Absent: Jan Bensen, Deb Dingmann, Debra Eid, Vickie Erickson, Linda LaSota, Linda Linn, LeAnne Miller, Glenn Olufson, Kayla Perlinger, Cindy Slivnik,

Guests:

Call to Order: President Laurie Ann Oppel called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 Alice Lenzmeier, seconded by Kati Blum. Additions: Kayak report and Marketplace report. Motion was approved as amended.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Business meeting on 01/11/2024

Treasurer's reports for January 2024

Deborah Grant made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Belinda Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Inductions: Introductions of all members was completed and then new members, Jamie Wienke and Shauna Retke, were inducted. They received their Zonta pin, Zonta badge, Zonta information and yellow roses. They received a warm welcome from the club.

February Social: Social event will be a potluck at Lori Rebischke's house on 2-15-24. It will start about 5:30pm or 6pm. RSVP should be made directly to Lori. There will be an auction on donated items. All attendees are encouraged to bring \$10 gift cards from Quik Trip, Target or Walmart. Proceeds will be donated to Anna Marie's Alliance, Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center and Terebinth Refuge.

Spring Speaker Meeting: Spring Event will be on 4-11-24 and catered by Jules Bistro. It will be held at the Regency Event Center. Zonta will cover the costs and submit an application for grant money since it is a membership event. The speaker is Debora Ocloo, a member of the St Cloud Police Department that founded Women of Worth (WOW) program. Social Hour will start at 5:30pm with the speaker at 6pm. There will be list of wish items to bring for speaker. The event will be publicized on Facebook.

Service Committee Report: Pizza and cupcake walk at Anna Marie's Alliance will be on Saturday, March 9th. Help is needed with balloon animals, assisting with lunch and decorating cupcakes. Donations of food and money for the event are also needed.

Nominations Committee report: There are some changes to list that was send out. These are leadership opportunities and committee will take any nominations. No additional nominations were received at the meeting. Ballots will be sent out next month for voting. Voting can be done at the meeting or by email. Confidentiality will be maintained in the voting process.

Delegates for Zonta International Conference: Email ballots resulted in Debra Kellerman as first delegate with Deborah Grant as alternate. Second delegate is Gayle Borchert and Susan Dege as alternate. Debra Kellerman indicated she may have some difficulty attending the conference. Debra Kellerman made motion to move Deborah Grant to delegate position and add Linda Linn as alternate. Susan Voeltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Area Meeting: Area meeting for Areas 1 and 3 will be April 19 and 20 in Austin, MN. Friday night will include activities of a Spam Museum tour, dinner and walking tour. Saturday will be meeting off site from Hotel. St Cloud Zonta club will need to put together a basket for raffle. Carpooling is recommended with driving on Friday afternoon and returning on Saturday night.

“A Walk Together”: On April 27th from 9am to 12N will be the walk at old Ramada Inn supporting Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center. Registration is on-line, costing \$30 and indicating “Zonta group”. Participants sign-in at 8:30am, speakers are done about 10:30am and then walk is completed by noon. St Cloud Zonta Club has already submitted \$500 for sponsorship to this event. St. Cloud Zonta Club will have a table at the event to show support and encourage new members. Susan Voeltz volunteered to coordinate Zonta attendees for this event.

Chefs Gala: Information was passed around about chef event supporting Anna Marie’s Alliance. This will be held on May 1st.

Kayak Committee: Announcement that committee is starting to meet. The kayak event is tentatively scheduled for August 4th. Committee plans include a raffle and expect to have tickets available at next month’s meeting

Marketplace: Committee is pursuing iron-on patches to be used on t-shirts. The group is also looking at making sea sand necklaces out of glass.

February Trivia: Veronica Villeneuve will presented trivia question of which state was the first to grant the right to vote to women. Answer was Wyoming. The tie-breaker question was what year that happened. Answer was 1869.

Adjournment: Alicia Reif moved to adjourn, seconded by Belinda Ryan. Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding
Recording Secretary

Zonta Club of St Cloud

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending Feb. 28, 2024

Balance 1/31/2024 checking account	\$ 1,468.48
Receipts	
Half Year Dues - 2 New Members	\$ 183.00
Change 4 Change	\$ 47.83
Venmo Received	\$ 4.81
Interest Feb	\$ 0.32
	\$ -
	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 235.96
Disbursements	
April Meeting Venue Deposit	\$ 150.00
2 Member Name Tags	\$ 26.14
ZI and D7 Dues Paid - 2 New Members	\$ 147.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 323.14
Balance 2/28/2024 Checking account	\$ 1,381.30
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT	
BALANCE ON 1/31/2024	\$ 21,908.14
Interest Feb	\$ 17.41
Balance 2/28/2024 Savings account	\$ 21,925.55
Total Accounts	\$ 23,306.85

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

**WELCOME TO ZONTA
CLUB OF ST. CLOUD!**



Shawna Retka

GET TO KNOW HER

Wealth Mgmt Banker
U.S. Bank Wealth Management
shawna.retka@usbank.com

Favorite color: **BLUE**

Something you cannot live without: **CHAPSTICK**

Hobby: **BIKING**

Beverage of choice: **LIME LA CROIX**

Something that makes you smile: **GENUINE KINDNESS AND JOY IN ACTION.**

Why did you decide to join Zonta: **CONNECTING IN A NEW COMMUNITY WITH
AN ORGANIZATION THAT MAKES A
DIFFERENCE.**

Zonta's Service social

15 FEBRUARY

Distributions to:
Anna Marie's
Terebinth Refuge
Central MN Sexual
Assault Center

RAISED...
\$700



THANK YOU TO OUR HOST: LORI R!



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ST CLOUD

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

SHE BLOOMS

Inspiration and Empowerment Gathering
Featuring Debora Ocloo with the
Women of Worth (WOW) program

APRIL 11TH

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30, SPEAKER 6pm

JULES' BISTRO EVENT SPACE IN
THE REGENCY PLAZA
#912 W ST GERMAIN STREET
ST CLOUD, MN 56301

RSVP TO: VERONICA.VILLENEUVE@UBS.COM BY APRIL 4TH



Debora Ocloo is a member of the St. Cloud Police Department since 2016, and currently assigned to the Community Response Team (CRT). She co-founded the Cop House Women of Worth (WOW)

program in 2020 with Taylor Richmond and has been co-running it with Lauren Weisser and Hakima Siyad. The WOW program is designed to mentor young women in the transition from adolescence to womanhood, instilling qualities of leadership, responsibility, strength, confidence, and respect, and pairing them with mentors from different walks of life.

FREE TO ATTEND

PLEASE BRING
A DONATION FOR THE
WOW PROGRAM

- Feminine Hygiene products
- Beauty products
- Towels
- Winter jackets & boots
- Clothes
- Fishing poles
- Arts & Crafts items
- Journals
- Camping gear

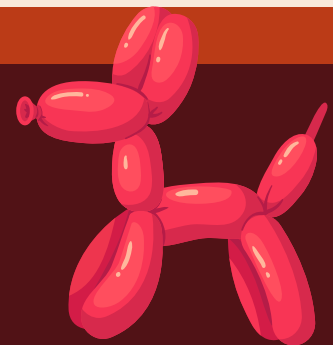
PIZZA

TIME



MARCH 9TH 11AM-1PM
AT ANNA MARIE'S

VOLUNTEER TO HELP + WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS



BALLOON ANIMALS FROM CAROL B

PLEASE DONATE CASH OR FOOD DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT
CUPCAKES, DECORATING ITEMS, FROSTING, PIZZA FIXINGS, ETC

SHEAR
Dynamics
PRESENTS:



Walk TOGETHER

Uniting Against Sex Trafficking

Saturday, April 27, 2024 | 9 am - 12 pm

Speakers 9 am - 10 am. Walk to follow.

Registration: 8:30 am, The Old Ramada Inn 121 Park Ave S. St. Cloud

More info: walktogethermn.org

Proceeds benefit Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center

Register Now!

Early bird registration per person: \$30

After April 1: \$35

Student registration option: \$15/no t-shirt

Sponsorship deadline:

April 1, 2024



LIVE MUSIC!
Donny Brang

SNACKS & BEVERAGES PROVIDED

 Walk Together: Uniting Against Trafficking

CALL US (320) 251-5009