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ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD

Board of Directors-FY 2024-25

- President: Rachel Thompson
- Vice President: VACANT
- Treasurer: Lyndsey Stram
- Recording Secretary: Mary Garding
- Communications Secretary: Rachel Thompson
- Board Members- 2nd term
 - Glenny Olufson
 - Kati Blum
- Board Members 1st Term
 - Carol Barrymore
 - Mary Robak-Saari
- Past President: Laurie Oppel

NOTICE:

EARTH DAY CHEER ZONE

SPECIAL ELECTION AT JAN BUSINESS MEETING FOR V.P

THIS EDITION:

Calendar of Events Meeting Minutes Financials Club Updates

BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

ZONTA 2025 Calendar of Events

January 2, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

January 9, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

January 11 – Amelia Earhart Day ----

February 6, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

February 13, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

March 6, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

March 13, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

April 3, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

April 10, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

April 11-12, 2025 - Area 1+3 meetings, Wahpeton, ND

April 12th, 2025 – Earth Day Cheer Zone - NEED A LEAD FOR THIS

April 24, 2025- Speaker event –Voices for Change: A Community Gathering - 5:30-7PM PUBLIC LIBRARY-TENTATIVE

May 1, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

May 3, 2025- 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. <u>https://walktogethermn.org/</u>

May 7, 2025– Business Meeting and Annual Meeting, WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING AT 5PM, ANNUAL MEETING TO FOLLOW. Social at 5:30, DINNER AT 6pm, program at 6:30 – Location BRICKYARD BAR + Grill (8475 Center Street, Clear Lake, MN 55319)

June 20-22 – 2025 Zonta North America Interdistrict – Novi, MI

August 3, 2025- Kayaking For A Kause

August 7, 2025 - Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

August 14, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

September 4, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

September 11, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

September 13, 2025-Service Project, National Hispanic Month, TACO PARTY – Anna Marie's Alliance

September 19-21, 2025– D7 meeting Cape Girardeau, MO

Month of October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Color is purple) Water Tower lighted-Purple

October 2, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

October 9, 2025 – Business Meeting –@ 5:30pm – EVENING MEETING @ BAD HABIT BREWERY

5:30pm business meeting at Bad Habit brewery, social dinner to follow at new "The House Food Hall " Birdie's Pizza and Garden Bar (brick oven pizza), 98 Hawaiian Grille, and Joetown Smashburger. The food hall will also have a tap wall with 30 taps available.

October- Fall event: Saturday, OCT 11 or Sunday, OCT 12

Month of November - EVERY MEMBER, EVERY NOVEMBER CAMPAIGN

November 6, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

November 9, 2025 - ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD'S 75th BIRTHDAY!

November 13, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

November 21-22, 2025– Christmas House Fri 3-9pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Tickets \$20, avail at Coborns, Door or online. Each member gets 5 tickets to sell.

November 25 – December 10 – 16 Days of Activism, Light the Town Orange

December 4, 2025-Board Meeting – Anna Marie's Alliance @ Noon/Bring Your Lunch

December 11, 2025 – Business Meeting – Crooked Pint/Waite Park @ Noon

December 15, 2025 – Service project at Anna Marie's – Christmas Event (Gingerbread house decorating)

Current member dues

Proposed dues, effective 2025-26

ZI dues	\$88	ZI dues	\$88
Club Liability Insurance	\$3	Club Liab Insurance	\$3
District Dues	\$30	District Dues	\$30
Local dues	\$25	Local Dues	\$29
TOTAL	\$146	TOTAL	\$150
New Member dues (joins Au	g-Dec 1)	Proposed dues for 20	25-26
ZI	\$88	ZI	\$88
Club liab	\$3	Club liab	\$3
ZI New member fee	\$15	ZI New Member fee	\$15
District dues	\$30	District dues	\$30
Local dues	\$25	Local dues	\$29

Cost of pin (\$7.50), name badge (\$14), printed materials (\$5), rose (\$6.50). etc. covered by local Club out of the \$25 paid local dues

New Member Half Year	dues	Proposed New Member	half Year dues
ZI dues	\$44	ZI Dues	\$44
Club Liab	\$3	Club Liab	\$3
ZI New Member fee	\$15	ZI New Member Fe	\$15
District dues	\$30	District dues	\$30
Local dues	waived	Local dues	\$3
TOTAL	\$92	TOTAL	\$95

Current Young Professional	l s dues	Proposed YP dues eff	ective 2025-26
ZI dues	\$44	ZI dues	\$44
Club Liab	\$3	Club Liab	\$ 3
District Dues	\$15	District Dues	\$15
Local Dues	\$25	Local dues	\$28
TOTAL	\$87		\$90

New YP full dues (joins Aug-E	Dec 1) currently	New YP dues (joins Aug-Dec	1) proposed 2025-26
ZI	\$44	ZI	\$44
Club Liab	\$3	Club Liab	\$ 3
ZI New Member fee	\$15	ZI New Member fee	\$15
District Dues	\$15	District dues	\$15
Local dues	\$25	Local dues	\$28
TOTAL	\$102		\$105

We have not done this level of membership at the Club level, had them inducted after 12/31 Cost of pin (\$7.50), name badge (\$14), printed materials (\$5), rose (\$6.50). etc. covered by local Club out of the \$25 paid local dues

New YP half-year dues		Proposed YP dues ef	fective 2025-26
ZI dues	\$22	ZI dues	\$22
Club Liability	\$3	Club liab	\$ 3
ZI New Member fee	\$15	ZI New Member fee	\$15
District dues	\$15	District dues	\$ 15
Local dues	waived	Local dues	waived
TOTAL	\$55		\$55
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION - VICE PRESIDENT

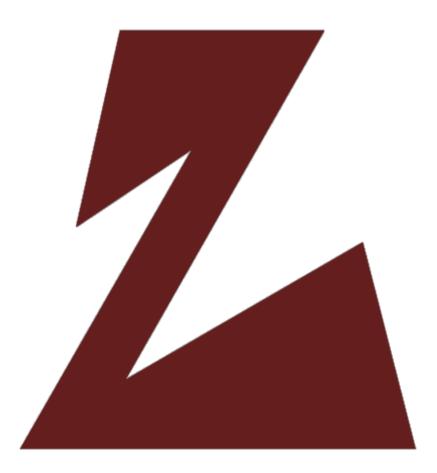
TO BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING BY RECCOMENDATION OF THE ZONTA BOARD (OPEN FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS) AND VOTED ON IN JANUARY AT THE BUSINESS MEETING

TERMS (Filling out current term): 5/1/2024-4/31/2026

VICE PRESIDENT- LYNDSEY STRAM

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We are announcing openings for the Executive Board for 2025-2027 (2 Board positions, a treasurer and a secretary). Please contact a committee member if you would like to nominate yourself for any of these positions. Joal Peitz, Alicia Reif or Debra Kellerman Starting in January, the committee will begin to contact members individually, too, to put the slate together.



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TWO SERVICE DAYS AT ANNA MARIE'S ALLIANCE IN 2025!





HOW YOU CAN HELP:

WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS TO CONSIDER A \$10-20 DONATION SO THAT WE CAN PURCHASE THE SUPPLIES FOR BOTH EVENTS. THIS IS A ONE ASK FOR THESE TWO EVENTS

WE WILL ALSO NEED VOUNTEERS TO HELP SERVE/ASSIST WITH THESE DATES. CONTACT MARY GARDING + MARY ROBAK-SAARI

LEAD NEEDED!

WE ARE SEEKING A ZONTA MEMBER TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE EARTH DAY CHEER ZONE (NOMINATE US AND SET IT UP IF WE GET SELECTED)

Selected groups will automatically receive a \$500 stipend towards their organization. After the race, runners will be asked to vote for the most motivating Cheer Zone, and the wining group will receive an additional \$1000!

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APRIL 12

https://activecentralmn.org/events/earth-day-run/



ORTHOPEDICS







SAVE THE DATE April 24th 5:30-7pm

ST. CLOUD PUBLIC LIBRARY

VOICES FOR CHAREES A Community Eathering

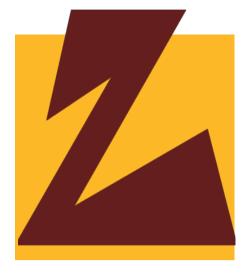
Join us at the St. Cloud Public Library for an evening of education and inspiration. This event will feature short, impactful presentations from local nonprofits dedicated to supporting women and preventing violence against women.

Experience:

- Inspiring TED Talk-style presentations: Gain valuable insights from local experts on issues impacting women in our community.
- Community connections: Network with other community members passionate about women's empowerment.
- Learn about local resources: Discover the vital work of area nonprofits and how you can get involved.
- Empower yourself: Leave feeling informed, inspired, and ready to make a difference.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. JOIN US FOR VOICES FOR CHANGE.



SAVE

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DATE

ZONTA ANNUAL MEETING

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND BOARD MEMBER INDUCTIONS

REGISTRATION COMING SOON BUSINESS MEETING 5PM MAY 7

THE BRICKYARD

BAR + GRILL EVENT ROOM 8475 Main Ave, Clear Lake, MN 55319 SOCIAL 5:30PM DINNER 6PM PROGRAM 6:30PM



NOMINATIONS FOR SERVICE FUNDS

(ZONTA CLUB MEMBERS TO FILL OUT FOR MINI GRANT NOMINATIONS)

Zonta Member name:______

Organization being nominated:_____

Website:_____

Contact:

Brief description for nomination:

Please submit/turn into Rachel Thompson (<u>Rachel@visitstcloud.com</u> or give in person) DUE BY: FEB 13, 2025

Submissions will be sent to the nominated organization for applications to be filled out. The filled out applications will then be given to the finance committee for consideration and will be recommended back to the club for approval. Grants are expected to be \$500-\$1,000 per awarded organization.

Zonta Club of St Cloud Treasurer's Report Period Ending December 31, 2024

Balance 11/30/2024 checking account	\$	2,994.63
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Receipts	<u> </u>	25.00
CH Marketplace	\$	35.00
Change for Change	\$ \$	20.67
December Interest	\$ 	0.22
Total Receipts	\$	55.89
Disbursements		
CH Reimbursement: Deb Kellerman Postage	\$	373.73
CH Reimbursement: TFD Gifted Lunch	\$	250.00
Total Disbursements	\$	623.73
Balance 12/31/2024 Checking account	\$	<mark>2,426.79</mark>
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT		
BALANCE ON 11/30/2024	\$	19,077.03
Receipts		
Interest December	\$	12.09
Disbursements		
Balance 12/31/2024 Savings account	\$	<u>19,089.12</u>
Total Accounts	\$	21,515.91

Christmas House Income Statement JANUARY 2025

Balance forward\$1,832.68Ticketleap on-line sales\$4,858Member Sales\$4,540 (\$100+ x 3)	\$-0- \$3,825 \$0) \$3,560 \$ 380
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Decorator Sales \$840	
Traditional Floors & Design Sales	\$ 960
Coborns \$3,000	\$2,140
Sponsors \$ 6,250	\$18,135
•	22,535(Kayak \$4,400)
Cash sales at the door \$4,590	\$7,760 (388 people)
Friday \$4340 Saturday \$3420 (171) G	
GOAL (1,000+ people through the house 2023) Goal thr	
TOTAL \$25,910.68	\$36,760
Expenses:	<i>400)/ 00</i>
Leighton – Radio Adv \$ 500	\$(1000 in-kind)
Print program \$ -0- in-kind	\$ -0- in-kind
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Print save the date postcards Rengel \$ 491.16	\$563.14
Postage \$ 192.72	\$227.68
Sponsor letters postage	\$ 76.16
Posters & 4 to a sheet items \$ 118.05	\$209.05
(\$112.57 design donation)	<i>4</i> 200100
Tickets (1000 qty) \$ 174.43	\$199.80
(\$205.63 design do	-
Photo expenses (Kati/Lori) \$ -0-	\$ -0-
Prizes for drawings \$ 75.00	\$-0-
Sponsor mailings \$ 25.62	\$39.56 envs
Sponsor mailings postage	\$ 30.33
Motel (one night) \$ -0-	\$-0-
Homeowner Gift—lights \$ -0-	\$500
Homeowner cleaning/catered lunch \$ 200	\$250
Thank you banner/signs \$ -0-	\$ in-kind
New Signs \$ 247.71	\$-0-
TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,024.69	\$2,095.72
TOTAL INCOME \$23,885.99	\$34,654.28
(Plus Kayak \$8,903.52 2023) Pl	us Kayak \$12,193.37
\$32789.51	
Allocation to Finance Committee	
for 2022 distribution \$32,500	\$46,847.65
Carry Forward total \$ -0-	\$-0-
Total people through the house 1012	987
(Note: 2019 Feneis house total donations was \$44,650)	



Zonta Board Meeting Minutes 12/5/24 Anna Marie's Alliance, St Cloud, MN

Present: Rachel Thompson, Lyndsey Stram, Glenny Olufson, Kati Blum, Mary Robak-Saari, Mary Garding

Absent: Carol Barrymore, Laurie Ann Oppel

Guests: Debra Kellerman

The meeting was called to order by President Rachel Thompson 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. Additions: Agenda item for Business Meeting and Book Fair Results. Katie Blum motioned to approve the agenda, Mary Robak-Saari seconded the motion. Motion was approved as amended.

Consent Agenda

Board minutes of November 2024

Treasurer's report of November 2024

Motion to approve was made by Glenny Olufson and seconded by Katie Blum. Motion was approved.

Correspondence & Requests: Found in ZoNews.

Business:

Special Election: According to club bylaws, the vice-president automatically replaces the president when the president steps down. However it is only seven months into the current term and a new vice-president is needed. Nominations Committee has one candidate for vice-president, Lyndsey Stram. Additional nominations will be will be requested at December Business Meeting. This will be posted in December ZoNews and voting to take place in January.

Book Fair: This event resulted in approximately \$9,000 in sales which estimates to approximately \$1,300 in the fund raiser. This was a quick and easy fund raiser and it is possible there are other similar sources in the community. Board may look at having an additional committee to explore options.

Agenda Item for Business Meeting: The November business meeting did not have quorum. For this reason, the items approved at that meeting will need to be added to the next meeting agenda for voting. These items include the October minutes, October treasurers report, and \$100 Badge of Honor award.

Christmas House: Figures are not final but results are close to 2020 event, over \$40,000. Sponsorship was almost \$22,000. Attendance was around 985 individuals. As a thank you, a catered lunch will be sent to employees at Traditional Floor and Design for all their assistance in the event. Marketplace vendors were very positive about the event. There were some mixed comments about this event not being at a house but some very positive comments about accessibility of event. Next year, the event will go back to a house location.

Advocacy Update: St Cloud water tower lighting has been requested. Club members are invited for a group picture at the water tower on December 5th at 4:30pm. A social gathering at RJ's American Restaurant will follow. Sartell bridge lighting was also requested. The I35 Bridge will be lite up orange on December 6th.

Service Update: Decorating cookies at Anna Marie's Alliance will be on December 16th from 2-4pm. Members who wish to contribute funds or assist in the event can contact Mary Robak-Saari.

Membership Update: There were a few inquiries about membership during the Christmas House event and those names will be forward to Laurie Oppel.

Foundation Award: Mary Robak-Saari indicated there are two possible individuals who will be submitting an application for new Giving a Lift to Women award.

Adjournment: Rachel Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Mary Garding seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding Recording Secretary



Zonta Business Meeting Minutes 12/12/2024 The Crooked Pint, St Cloud, MN

Present: Rachel Thompson, President; Gayle Borchert, Susan Dege, Mary Garding, Barb Johnson, Debra Kellerman, LeAnne Miller, Glenny Olufson, Joal Peitz, Lori Rebischke, Mary Robak-Saari, Belinda Ryan, Lyndsey Stram, Susan Voeltz,

Absent: Carol Barrymore, Jan Bensen, Kati Blum, Deb Dingmann, Debra Eid, Deborah Grant, Karla Krueger, Linda LaSota, Alice Lenzmeier, Linda Linn, Mary Nimmerfroh, Laurie Ann Oppel, Alicia Reif, Shawna Retka, Jamie Wieneke.

Guests: Kay Bluhm, Andrew from Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, Connie from Crisis Nursery

Call to Order: President Rachel Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 Sue Dege, seconded by Susan Voeltz. Additional item of grants was added. Motion was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Business meeting of October 2024 and November 2024 Treasurer's reports for October 2024 and November 2024

Deb Kellerman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Mary Robak-Saari seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

BUSINESS:

Agency Update from Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center: Andrew indicated their agency served over 500 individuals in the last year with over 400 of them being new cases. The agency has a staff of eight and six trained volunteers that provide 24-hour support for the community. They also provided almost 400 hours of prevention education and responded to 138 hospital calls. The average age of individuals served is between 5 and 40. Most of these are victim to an individual known to them. Andrew shared a story about an individual that benefited from Zonta's support. Award provided funds towards a new apartment and an order of protection. The grants funding this agency are not able to provide many special items needed. They will be hosting a community walk and fund raiser on May 3, 2025. Their current needs are gas gift cards, food store gift cards, lotions and gloves.

Agency Update from Crisis Nursery: Connie thanked the club and indicated the grant from Zonta club provided 5000 additional nursery hours. This agency does not receive county, state or federal funds. All funds to support the agency must be raised by donations. They have placed over 3000 children in the last year. Connie shared a story about a mother in a domestic abuse situation who had a court date and needed daycare and diapers. She also needed a wig due to the trauma. This agency was able to provide this due to donations. Their current needs are gas cards and larger size diapers such as 5, 6 or 7.

Notice of Special Election: There was much discussion and explanation about the need for a special election for new Vice-President since Rachel Thompson assumed the role of President. This election will be for the current two year period to keep the current voting rotation. The board has made a nomination of Lindsey Stram for the Vice-

President role and she would also keep her current role of Treasurer until regular election in May. Nominations were open for any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made and the motion to close the nominations was approved. Voting for special election will be done in January. It was noted that election in May will be for Recording Secretary, Communications Secretary, Treasurer and two Board positions.

Fall Event: The fall event with self-defense education generated some revenue. Deb Kellerman moved that some of the funds, \$100, be used to fund Badge of Generosity. This supports the agency that provided this education. Belinda Ryan seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Christmas House: Congratulations to Christmas House Committee members who ran a successful event. Thank you to all who sold tickets, worked the event, and provided support for the event. It was noted by some that it was very open and accessibility. But other comments were that individuals preferred a house. Attendance was close to 1000 individuals. More money was made due to fewer expenses. Traditional Floor and Design provided much support, including food and drink as well as a \$5,000 donation.

Service/Advocacy Update: On December 16, from 2-4 p.m. there will be a cookie decorating event at Anna Marie's Alliance. Six dozen cookies, frosting and sprinkles have been donated. A couple of volunteers are needed at the event. Barnes and Noble vouchers provided at Zonta Christmas House booth and in the store resulted in approximately \$9000 in sales with means about \$1300 in funds to club. There will be two events coming in the spring, Cheer Zone on Earth Day and the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center community walk. More information will be provided closer to the time of the events.

Dues: The club dues increase has been published in ZoNews and will be voted in January.

Grants: Finance committee has indicated the availability of additional grants of between \$500 and \$1000. Club members should review and nominate agencies and/or programs that fit Zonta Mission.

Welcome: Introduction and welcome to guest, Kay Bluhm. She stated she has been retired for about three years from the police department. She was a vendor of May Kay at the Christmas House Event. She was invited to join the club.

Adjournment: Belinda Ryan moved to adjourn, seconded by Sue Dege. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Garding Recording Secretary

Zonta St Cloud Foundation Report January 2025

Several actions were completed over this past fall:

- The 1099 year end filing was completed and submitted by Miller Welle Heise and Co. The MN Attorney General Office Charitable Registrar requested more forms and documentation. The additional forms were submitted December 11.
- Revenue from the Kayak for a Kause event and the Christmas House exceeded \$46,000. At the December business meeting, members were asked to submit nominations of agencies (or one of their programs) that might qualify for an award of \$500-\$1,000. (will also be announced in January newsletter) That agency/program would then complete an application form to verify a match to our mission. The Finance Committee will evaluate the applications and make recommendations for awards.
- The Give A Lift award program is on-going with the hope of making an award soon. This program is capped at \$750 and is designed to help women restarting their educational life -- pre-enrollment, during enrollment or post-completion of an educational program.
- The checkbook balance as of December 10 was \$57,229.
- The one-year CD balance is \$78,949.34 (\$75,000 initial investment + \$3,949.34 interest). Renewal is needed by January 11, 2025. The amount to be invested into another one-year (13 month) CD will be \$90,000. The goal of these endowed funds is to completely fund our scholarships through the interest revenue.

EXPANDING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROJECT

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EXPANDING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

 Navigating the Virtual Playground:
Healthy Choices & Worrisome Pitfalls for Today's Youth

FREE in-person training

geared for parents and professionals in youth-serving organizations.

This presentation will cover the trends in concerning online behaviors that students are facing while highlighting practical, positive ways that adults can respond.



Monday, January 27th, 2025 6:30pm - 8:30pm CT Foley High School For questions email: cpausch@ci.foley.mn.us

www.zeroabuseproject.org

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Speaker Bio:

Alison Feigh, M.S. has been working in the sexual abuse prevention field for more than 15 years, and serves as the Director of the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center. Ms. Feigh trains locally and nationally on topics around child abduction and child abuse prevention. She firmly believes that personal and online safety messages can be positive, empowering, and accessible.

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