

Hello Fellow Zontians

Have you registered for the District 6, Area 2 Workshop? If not, please do so soon. There are lots of reasons to attend and the following are just a few.

1. Meet and greet our district governor, lieutenant governor, foundation ambassador and the leadership development chair.
2. Learn more about our district, membership, the leadership module and the Zonta International Foundation.
3. Hear what our Area 2 sister clubs (Belvidere, Janesville, and Milwaukee) are doing. We always come away with new ideas for fundraising, service, and advocacy.
4. Connect with other Zontians in the area. It's a great time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.
5. Celebrate our successes and hear about other clubs activities during the year.
6. Get excited about Zonta and District 6!!

I think you will find the day valuable and hope to see you on April 13th.

Pam Duane
President
Zonta Club of Madison



Calendar of Events

Club membership meeting/program	03/20/24
International Women's Day	03/08/24
Zonta Madison Foundation BOD	04/04/24
Area 2 Spring Workshop	04/13/24
Girls on the Run Prep Pre-event	05/31-06/01/24
Zonta International Convention	06/27-30/24

Advocacy Committee –
JoAnn Gruber-Hagen &
Shirley Senarighi

MARCH 10 ADVOCACY INTO ACTION
SUSPENDED – BUT COMING BACK IN A
NEW FORMAT

We are “suspending” Advocacy Into Action on March 10 at this time due to insufficient registrants. A few more are added each day but we are substantially below expectations. Suspending it now allows us to cancel our contract with the venue before our final and substantial payment is due.

However -- we’re not canceling the intent and effort but are re-packaging it into a different format that we will bring out this Fall - maybe September, with an initial focus on one issue - ERA. The same speakers who would have carried this issue at AIA are already on board to come up and are awaiting a date. They are a dynamic team. We will still work with partners but in more of an information sharing manner rather than so deeply involved in recruiting participants. We will specifically seek out the involvement of the League of Women Voters – Dane County.

If you’re wondering why we picked ERA for September, see the article in this newsletter about the Feb 27 Empowered Exchange that focused on state and federal ERAs. Quite a discussion that night.

We did make some important contacts with new possible partners through the March 10 event and will be following up to seek ongoing relationships with them.

Stay tuned for more information as the Advocacy committee moves forward on this. Also, if you think this is important, consider volunteering for the Advocacy committee in our upcoming Zonta year that starts June 1.

If this isn’t your cup of tea, there are other committees addressing interesting things that also need your help. Then there is the issue of accepting an office or board position. Hmmm Just sayin’.



HELP SUPPORT PEOPLE REGISTERING
TO VOTE OR UPDATING THEIR VOTER
INFORMATION

Help everyone engage in their protected right to vote. Big elections and state constitutional amendments on ballots in April and November. The League of Women Voters is seeking volunteers now. People work in teams of two. Volunteers new to doing this are greeters and a more experienced person backs up with them.

You can get more information on duties and available shifts at the following links. If shifts are full now, check back later as more shifts are posted through November.

East Side DMV: [DMV East sign up genius](#)
West Side DMV: [DMV West Sign up genius](#)

And of course, it goes without saying be sure voting days are in your calendar and that you

VOTE. April 2 and Nov 5. When you have questions about upcoming elections, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.



Fellow club member Shirley is a member or the LWV and would be happy to answer any questions you have about this volunteer opportunity!

Membership Committee –
JoAnn Gruber-Hagen

The March 27 Empowered Exchange lived up to its name. Under the leadership of Membership Committee member Shirley Senarighi, a robust and engaging discussion ensued on the topic of state and federal Equal Rights Amendments. Eight members gathered and everyone came well prepared with references, opinions and questions and we all learned a lot from each other.

Some things learned included:

1. The only constitutionally protected right that women have in the U.S. is the right to vote. All other rights we presently have are protected by enacted laws that can be relatively easily legislated out of existence or over-turned by judicial opinions.
2. The Federal ERA has recently met the 38-state minimum adoption of the ERA but there is disagreement if the time had run out and is therefore invalid.

3. The National Archivist could decide it is valid and officially adopt the ERA and amend the Constitution.
4. A bill seeking an ERA in WI has been submitted to the WI Assembly each of the past two sessions, neither of which were moved forward by Assembly leadership.

The evening ended with the eight members agreeing that Zonta should carve out an effective role in bringing public attention to the need for adopting the ERA to constitutionally support women having the same rights as the Constitution already guarantees men. The group urges the Advocacy Committee to take club leadership for this including identifying other partners who share a mission to achieve adoption of state and federal ERAs.

Our final act was to sign the online petition to adopt the federal ERA and we took out picture to document it. As the picture says, JOIN US! You can sign and submit the petition at <https://www.sign4era.org/>. It is also possible to download a printable copy of the petition and make copies to get others to sign. The printable version includes a USPS mailing address. You can find this at [Sign4ERA Printable copy](#)



Judy Brandt, JoAnn Gruber-Hagen, Shirley Senarighi, Jane Hartman, Barb Burchfield, Nancy Abraham, Karen Goebel

Operations/Fundraising Committee –
Tammy Hagen

The March dinner meeting will present Jane Rotonda, Director of the Wisconsin Book Festival. The dinner that evening is the Tailgate Buffet: Buffalo Chicken, Classical Burger and Spinach Pesto Sliders with Swedish meatballs, Spinach dip with chips, coleslaw, and spicy mac and cheese.

Please RSVP to me **by noon on Friday March 15** if your plans have changed and you wish to cancel or add your name to the attendee list.



Program information
March club meeting



Date: Wed., March 20, 2024
Location: Vintage Brewery
674 S. Whitney Way
Madison, Wisconsin
Time: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Social/Sign-In
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner,
Program, Business Meeting
RSVP: To Tammy by noon, Friday March 15

Speaker & Program:

What's It's Like Working with Authors for Public Radio and for the Wisconsin Book Festival



Jane Rotonda
New Wisconsin Book Festival Director

Jane began working as the new director of the Wisconsin Book Festival in February 2023. Jane joined the team after eight years at Wisconsin Public Radio, where she worked closely with numerous author guests on WPR programming, and her love of reading inspired her to found WPR's first-ever book club. She graduated from the UW-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Preview of the event:

<https://isthmus.com/arts/arts-beat/jane-rotonda-new-director-wisconsin-book-festival/>

Communications Committee –
Judy Brandt

The New Zonta Website Calendar Is Now
Here!!



The Zonta website home page now has a link to a “Calendar of Events”. This calendar defaults to a monthly calendar format, but also has a button which will show events in a List format. As you click on an event in either format, you will be directed to a detailed description of the event, showing the location, organizer and other pertinent information. There is a search tool for the calendar, but that has not yet been implemented to any extent.

Zonta Club of Madison, Area 2, Region 6 and International events will be shown on the calendar. Also included will be club committee meetings, and dates of interest, such as newsletter submission deadlines and scholarship submission deadlines.

Since the calendar will rest on the Home page and will be viewable to the public, Zonta meetings that may include attached agendas or personal member information that are not meant for the public will be password protected. These events will have the word “Protected” in the event title. Club members will be emailed information on the password to these protected items.

Email club at: zontclubofmadison@gmail.com For newsletter information: zontamadisonnewsletter@gmail.com

Also included in the calendar will be club Partner Events, such as the date of the “Girls on the Run” 5K event and the Wisconsin Women’s Network “Feminism on Tap” events.

So... get onto the website and kick the tires of the new calendar! Send any feedback to the club email at

zontclubofmadison@gmail.com.

Service Project –
Laura Curtiss

Bev Duncan Little Free Libraries

The annual Little Free Libraries Service project has been popular and successful so we’re doing it again! Our club has provided this service for several years by collecting appropriate books for children and distributing them during April, which is Sexual Abuse Awareness Month. Co-Chairs Gayle Galston and Laura Curtiss look forward to your help and donations. We have renamed this project to “Bev Duncan Little Free Libraries” to honor Bev who was a huge fan and donor to this service activity!



This year we are working with Molly Fish, owner of Lake City Books, who is providing a very generous discount on the books. Molly opened her bookstore on Hamilton Street last year. We are proud to work with a local, woman-owned shop! Visit her webpage here:

<https://www.lakecitybooks.com/>

You may contribute to this project in a few ways: 1) buy books on the book list provided on our website and bring them to the March members meeting or have them shipped directly to Gayle; 2) give money to Zonta Madison Foundation who will then order the books; 3) help us distribute books on April 20, details to be determined.

Here is the link to the Book list for this year:
[Little Libraries Book list 2024](#)

This is also posted on the club Service webpage.

Treasurer Requests
for 2024-25 Budgets

Our two hard-working Treasurers for the club and foundation are asking that all requests for funding be submitted to the appropriate person **no later than March 15**.

Each of them will be preparing draft budgets for us to review at the April club meeting. Thank you!



🎈 Laura C	March 28
🎈 Sandy P	March 30

*We hope you have
a fun day filled with yummy food, family and
good friends!*

Zonta Club of Madison
Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The monthly submission deadline for 2023-24 will be the **24th of each month**.

Please send your submissions to:
zontamadisonnewsletter@gmail.com.
All submissions should be in a simple Word document format. Arial font is desired, (however I can easily change font).

Do you want your committee or board meeting dates published! We can do that! Send your dates/times to the email address above and it will be on the calendar of events.

Corrections & suggestions for improvement are welcome and should be sent to the newsletter Gmail for publication in future editions as appropriate. Thank you!

Jane Hartman, Newsletter Editor

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