

Hello Fellow Zontians

As the end of the Zonta year approaches, it's time to think about committees and decide which ones are of interest to you during the next biennium. You can devote your time to a single committee or serve on more than one if you have time. Each of our committees accomplish a great deal of work while having fun. Here is a peak behind the scenes:

*Advocacy* – Plans for an advocacy event are in the works for this fall. We will also have some activities surrounding 16 Days of Advocacy.

*Membership* – Our Mix and Mingle will be held at JoAnn's home in August. Begin thinking about potential members that you want to invite. The committee will also be planning our summer fun events.

*Communications* – Work will continue on the web site, club calendar, social media and the newsletter. This is your chance to use your technical skills to improve club communication.

*Programs* – This group meets during the summer to plan the monthly programs and to invite speakers for the entire year. Usually, committee members each take a month and plan the program.

*Operations/Fundraising* – This committee plans the menus for our monthly meetings, takes reservations, collects money for dinner and the raffle. Work is currently in progress to find a new venue for meetings. On the fundraising side, committee members plan our major event that benefits organizations in the area as well as internationally.

*Service* – Research service opportunities such as wrapping gifts at DAIS, providing woman power for Girls on the Run and other hands-on activities as they arise.

I encourage you to sign up for our committees and have fun!

Pam Duane  
President  
Zonta Club of Madison

### Calendar of Events

Club membership meeting/program	04/17/24
Zonta Madison Foundation BOD	04/09/24
Area 2 Spring Workshop	04/13/24
Zonta Club Annual Meeting	05/15/24
Girls on the Run Prep Pre-event	05/31-06/01/24
Zonta International Convention	06/27-30/24



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Advocacy Committee –  
JoAnn Gruber-Hagen &  
Shirley Senarighi

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS  
ADVOCACY/SERVICE PROJECT!**

League of Women Voters - Dane County (LWV-DC) invites Zonta members to work with them on upcoming registration drives, June 3-July 24, and Sept 3-October 16.

As has been shared with Zonta members previously, LWV-DC has developed a successful program in cooperation with the WI Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to support new and updated voter registrations.

The first DMV voter registration support drive of the 2024 election year was a success with 291 registrations completed. DMV clients who registered while they were there were grateful to be able to take care of two matters at once. Volunteers valued the experience to help voters register themselves saying “I am honored to take part in this project” and “This makes me feel like I’m making a difference.”

Volunteers work in 2-person teams. Each team of will have a person who is experienced in doing this. There are two training online programs that you need to complete before your first shift – one 10-minute and one 15-minute. Links to these are on the online SuperGenius SignUp pages listed below.

This is a great Advocacy/Service project for Zonta members. Please check your calendars and sign up for as many shifts as you can. You can sign up right now! The SignUp dates are already open at:

**East Side DMV:**

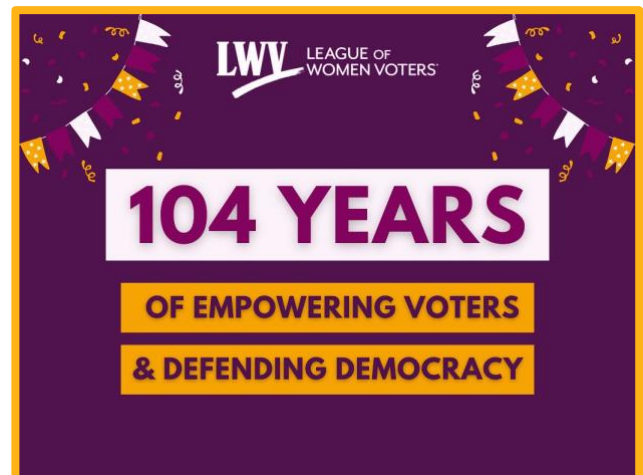
<https://www.signupgenius.com/East side>

**West Side DMV:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/West side>

If any Zonta members would like to sign-up for a volunteer slot with Shirley Senarighi, send an email to [rssenarighi@gmail.com](mailto:rssenarighi@gmail.com) or give her a call at 608-733-0535 and she will get the two of you signed up together.

The LWV-DC has just appointed LWV-DC member Shirley to be their liaison to Zonta Club of Madison so collaboration between our two groups will be greatly enhanced. This is a great development! Thank you LWV-DC and congratulations to Shirley!



Membership Committee –  
JoAnn Gruber-Hagen

**2024 MIX AND MINGLE ON AUG 13 –  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

The annual Mix and Mingle, hosted by the Membership Committee, is a chance to get ourselves geared up for a new Zonta year, hear from a speaker on a Zonta-related issue (TBD soon) and invite potential new members to learn more about Zonta.

This year it will be held Tuesday, August 13 at the home of JoAnn Gruber-Hagen on the SW side of Madison starting at 5:00pm. Bring a favorite appetizer and a bottle of your favorite beverage to share. Come to reconnect with each other and help explain Zonta to people considering membership.



Operations/Fundraising Committee –  
Tammy Hagen

The April dinner meeting will be on Wednesday April 17 from 5:30-8:00 pm at the Vintage restaurant on Whitney Way. The buffet meal this month is WISCONSIN consisting of baked fish and roasted pork loin with mustard cream sauce. The sides are

mashed potatoes, vegetable, tossed salad, coleslaw and bread/butter.  
Reminder: ***Please notify me before noon on Friday April 12 if your attendance plans change with either cancellation or additions.***

The Operations Committee has been busy investigating a new meeting space for next year. At our last meeting you heard about a couple of options. Since then several more have been reviewed. Thank you to everyone who had a suggestion of a possible venue. Hopefully by the May meeting we will have a recommendation for the group.

Program information  
April club meeting  
Sandy Peterson



**Date:** Wed., April 17, 2024

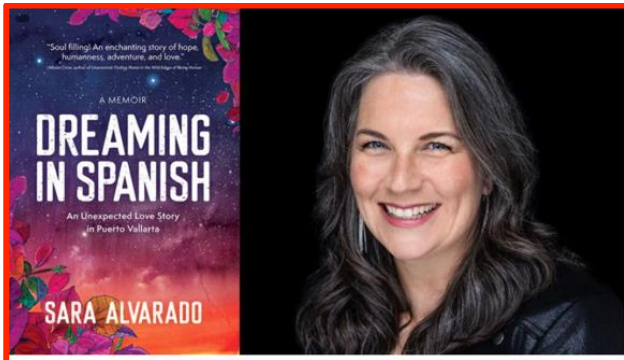
**Location:** Vintage Brewery  
674 S. Whitney Way  
Madison, Wisconsin

**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 April 12

Speaker & Program:  
**Author, Sara Alvarado**

***Dreaming in Spanish: An Unexpected Love Story in Puerto Vallarta***



Sara Alvarado is probably best known for her real estate business, and more recently as the co-founder of non-profit **OWN IT: Building Black Wealth**. At age twenty-four, Sara Alvarado bought a one-way ticket from the Midwest to Mexico determined to heal from years of hard partying and sexual trauma. In this raw and inspiring memoir, Sara takes readers on a journey as she struggles with being newly Sober, unexpectedly in love - and then suddenly, terrifyingly pregnant.

The book is about listening to her intuition and trusting that this is the story that wanted to be told now. It's also about finding the courage to shine a light on what usually stays hidden, to normalize conversations about tough topics like substance abuse, sexual trauma, white privilege, mixed families and more.

<https://www.channel3000.com/madison-magazine/article>

Communications Committee –  
Susan Ballard

Thank you to all who have been submitting committee and event updates for our Club website! Here's some recent content added:

- Revised Zonta Madison Foundation Form - On our Home page and Members Only Club Forms page.
- Revised Club Bylaws - On Members Only Club Board Bylaws and Policies page.
- Scholarship Information for STEM and Women in Business – On our Home page & updated in the 'What We Do' section.
- Membership and Communications Committee Meeting Minutes – On the respective Committee pages.
- Little Libraries Book List for April Sexual Assault Awareness Month– Service page

Reminder: The best way to request web page updates and additions is to send an email to the Communications Committee Email @ [zonta-mad-communication-committee@googlegroups.com](mailto:zonta-mad-communication-committee@googlegroups.com) .

That way one of us (Susan, Sandy, Judy, Shirley) can take care of it as soon as possible.

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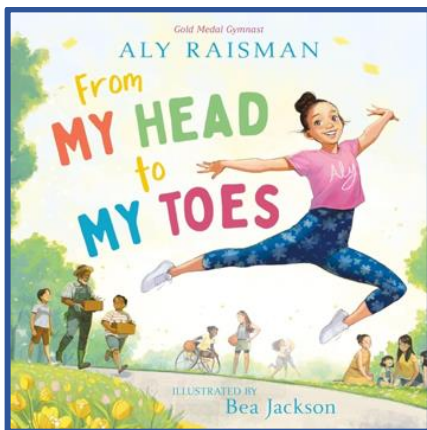
Bev Duncan Little Free Libraries –  
Laura Curtiss & Gayle Galston

The Bev Duncan Little Free Libraries book pick-up & distribution will take place at JoAnn Gruber-Hagen's home on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 to noon. Address is 7210 Timberwood Drive, Madison. Please let Gayle Galston know if you'll attend. <mailto:gail.galston@gmail.com>

We are still accepting books and monetary donations, hopefully making this our largest book distribution ever! We hope you can join us for coffee, conversation and Madison's best donuts (Greenbush Bakery) as you pick up books to distribute. Our book list can be found on our website again:

[Bev Duncan Little Library Book list 2024](#)

The list is posted on the home page and on the club Service webpage. Below is an exciting new book we added to the list this year!



Zonta Madison Foundation  
Jane Hartman

Spring is Scholarship time for our club! The Foundation Board has selected a student for the Young Women in Public Affairs award. Our 2024 recipient is Portia Grade is a student at Waunakee High School and she will be joining us at our April 17 club meeting. We will present Portia with her award and congratulate her!



As you will recall, we are also seeking candidates for our JMK Women in Business award, and our Women in STEM award. Both of these are given to women in their second year of college through graduate school. Please keep this in mind and refer anyone you know that would be a potential candidate!!

More information about our scholarships can be found on our website:

[Zonta Club of Madison Scholarships](#)

Zonta Club of Madison  
Newsletter Submission Guidelines

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

**Please send your submissions to:**  
[zontamadisonnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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

No Zonta member Birthdays this month so let's celebrate *SPRING!!* And hope we have seen the last of that white stuff.....

