

# ZEPHYR February 2017

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### **President's Message**

President Jaime Davis

Why are you a member of Zonta? When I first joined, I was excited about an organization that sought to empower women – locally and beyond. I was also looking forward to connecting with other women, creating friendships and establishing a tribe of ladies who support and encourage one another to be their best selves. I'm still a relatively new member, and still excited about the opportunities Zonta provides.

*Are you familiar with the mission and vision of Zonta?* 

#### Mission

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

#### Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Locally, we embrace the international mission and continue to offer opportunities to empower women through service and advocacy. Many of you attended the  $3^{\rm rd}$  Annual Art Show on January  $12^{\rm th}$ , supporting our message to end human trafficking. Thank you! It was a very successful event, and provided us a platform to speak to those in attendance, as well as with the media. We echoed President Obama's declaration that slavery has no place in our world; and voiced our desire to restore to all people the most basic rights of freedom, dignity, and justice.

We also work to fulfill the vision, and support events that advocate for equality. Thank you to all members who were able to attend the Women's March on January 21st. The March demonstrated our commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion. We were not present to advance a political agenda; Zonta is a non-political entity. Zonta was present to announce that Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women; we will continue to say no, to advocate an end to gender violence and discrimination.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

As we prepare for ZLNO and have the opportunity to engage with women from our community, we should reconnect to the mission and vision of Zonta. Please think about why you joined, why you continue to renew your membership, and the value you've found in your affiliation with Zonta Club of Cheyenne. If we are all prepared to communicate our commitment, we will renew our own sense of engagement. Our enthusiasm will be contagious, and we will have opportunities to invite women to join us. As we grow, we can positively impact more women with our message – the message that we will support each other in our desire to be our best selves, that we will continue to advocate for all women to have equal rights and privileges, and that no one should live in fear.

For all that and more, I am proud to be a Zontian.

#### ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2017

Members present: Betty Abernethy, Mary Walker, Linda Bogart, Sandy Hudson, Kathy Cathcart, Connie Sloan-Cathcart, Melissa Martin, Cindy Wertz, Jaime Davis, Denise Parrish, Kristie Wilson, Amanda Roberts, Bev Ambrose, Brenda Mathre, Jalainna Ellis, Jennica Fournier, Jody Gostas.

Guests: Morgan Fish, Kathleen Gilgannon and Ted Gostas.

Kathy Cathcart asked that participants contribute money tonight to be donated to Zonta International. It was suggested that one check be made on behalf of all members present.

Jody and Kristie - One of the artists at the Zonta Art Show donated the money from the proceeds of his sale back to Cheyenne Zonta or he would donate the art work to Zonta. It was decided we would accept the piece to be displayed at our events. The reception was a success and a special thank you was given to members that helped and to Denise for her guidance. More than 100 people came to the event. Cindy asked for a write up for the webpage. Pictures with the artists will be shared and posted on the website. Tonight is the Cheyenne Art Walk, where the public will get to vote on the People's Choice award.

Zappy Hour - this new member event is open to all Zontian's and will be held at Flydragon next Thursday, January 19 from 6 - 9 p.m. Cost is \$35 or less. Go to Fydragons' webpage to sign up. Payment is due the night of the event.

Amanda presented a fun fact sheet regarding Amelia Earhart and asked that women share a story about a woman that inspired them. Denise mentioned that is important to also consider that we are all mentors to other women. Connie reported that Amelia Earhart was an early Zontian and the Fellowship in her name is available to assist the future of women in the aerospace-related sciences and engineering. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.zonta.org/global-impact/education/Amelia-Earhart-fellowship">www.zonta.org/global-impact/education/Amelia-Earhart-fellowship</a>.

The members voted on being consistent with the name of the ladies night out event. Going forward the official name will be: **Zonta Ladies Night Out.** 

Melissa Martin, Secretary

Board minutes will no longer be included in the Zephyr. Board discussions are brought before the membership and recorded in general meeting minutes, the duplication of content is unnecessary. Our general meetings will include committee reports that will be covered in the Minutes of general meetings.

### Notes on The March from Jody Gostas ~~

It was great to march with Debbie Richardson, her grand-daughter Marie Town, Robin Kus (and Henley), Jessi Rodgers and all of the Jennica Fournier family! I'm sorry we never connected with Bev Ambrose who was there, too. And I hope there were others marching for their reasons; I will say I was a little disappointed we didn't have more women from Zonta. It was such a unity experience. Jennica spoke on behalf of Zonta at the Rally at the Depot Plaza. It was really an historical event.

Special thanks to Misti Fisher for getting the banner done. It did generate several inquiries (like, "What is Zonta?").



Henley, 3 week old infant of Robin Kus, didn't seem too excited by The March. What will she think in 15 years?



Meanwhile, this little one is tweeting all her friends about her great hat!!

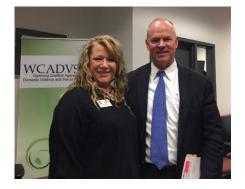


Jennifer Fournier, her mother Jonnette, and her sister-inlaw Becky carried our new banner for most of The March..

Governor Matthew Mead proclaimed January 2017 Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Wyoming. We were lucky enough that Jalainna Ellis was able to be present at the proclamation signing on Tuesday, Jan 24. Thank you, Jalainna, for getting there on such short notice. And thanks to Cindy Wertz for signaling the event.







T hank you to Christina Blooding and her family for hosting the  $3^{rd}$  Human Trafficking Art Contest at FlyDragon Design Art Studio in January 2017. Kristy Wilson and Jody Gostas organized a very successful contest, taking their cues from Denise Parrish, the original...



Miranda Roggenbuck presented with prize by Jaime Davis, Cheyenne Zonta President. Miranda also won People's Choice (Youth) recognition.



Kyla Bingham is presented with her prize for Adult award winning entry in Zonta Art Contest "Human Trafficking: Can You See It?"



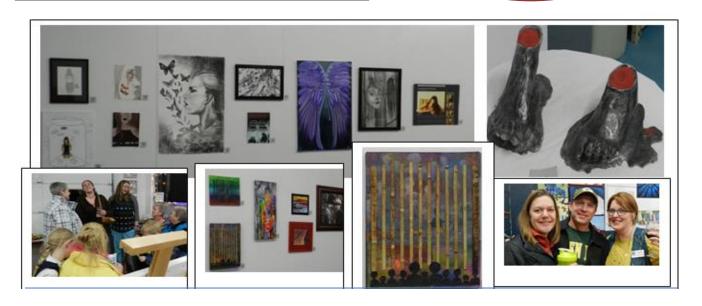


A glimpse of Andrew Dyl in the gray hoodie surrounded by Zontians!

People's Choice (Adult) winner by Andrew Dyl. He has generously donated his painting to the Zonta Club of Cheyenne. It will be on display at ZLNO.



Zontian Denise Parrish, founder of the Art Contest



ATTENTION ALL ZONTIANS: <u>If</u> you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please do so as soon as possible and help make this the most successful ZLNO to date!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

## 11TH ANNUAL

Tickets: \$75 each

# ZONTA'S LADIES NIGHT OUT

MARCH 3, 2017
LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL AND RESORT
DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 6:30 PM

For more information, to become a sponsor or to purchase tickets, visit www.cheyennezonta.org or contact any Cheyenne Zonta member





Shopping | Displays | Dinner | Door Prizes



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Advancing the Status of Women through Charitable and Educational Activities How synchronized-we've combined the horror of human trafficking with the Art Contest and Hope with the camaraderie of a guided painting evening!











# But we must keep alert. This following article was written by Mary Benoit, a Denver Club Zontian, for their newsletter Smoke Signals:

**Human Trafficking is Everywhere.** There has been a lot of talk about human trafficking lately. Did you know that the young person at your front door selling magazines, candy or some other innocuous item could be a victim of human trafficking? They are kept prisoners and forced to go out and sell, preying on people's sympathies. Please be aware and if you have any doubt call the authorities. As a word of caution, do not invite them into your home. I know it is cold and these young folks are quite pitiful. Don't let the victim make you a victim. Part of their training is that if someone lets them inside they are taught to check out your house, look for ways in, check for valuables even possibly disabling a lock so they can come back later. Have compassion but use caution. Remember human trafficking is a crime against the soul. Mary B

This article from  $\underline{\text{The Atlantic}}$  is still available:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/04/trapped-into-selling-magazines-door-to-door/388601/}$ 

And then...let's support our Triumph Z Club: On International Women's Day (March 8), the Z Club is hosting a forum on human trafficking. The fair will be at 4:30, followed by dinner with speaker Laura Elder at 5:30. As we've done in the past, we should have a table with a display of what Zonta has been doing to raise awareness of human trafficking. This will be at Triumph High School gymnasium, again on Wednesday, March 8 from 4:30 to 7:00. We hope to have a good showing of Zontians who will have the opportunity to connect with others in the community working on this horrible activity.



## Join Us!!!!

# Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.

Front step of the

Supreme Court Building

Sponsored by Cheyenne Grace UMW, Zonta Club International, and Triumph Z Club

## **RALLY FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

Join Cheyenne's women as we continue to

TAKE A STAND AGAINST Violence and Abuse of Women and Children.

**TAKE A STAND for Women's Rights and Equality.** 

Learn more about these important issues and our community resources dedicated to helping women, children and all victims.





Invitation from the Zonta Club of Greeley:

Our Trivia Night is coming right up and we are hoping a Team (8) or two will come down from Cheyenne to help us celebrate Mardi Gras!

It's Feb 25th, 6-10 pm, Triple S Event Center, Greeley.

Teams of 8/\$160.....Top Prize \$500 cash, 2nd/3rd Prizes, Round Baskets etc....

Everybody has in-depth knowledge about something, that's why you have a team to put it all together and come up with the right answer!

It will be fun and a great way to support Zonta's projects ... please share with all your club.

It is family-friendly, guys and teens also welcome....gather them together and c'mon down to Greeley!

Yours in Zonta, Kathy Swafford

## Calendar of Events

**February 7 Tuesday 5:30**Zonta Board Meeting
CollegeAmerica, 6101 Yellowstone

**February 9 Thursday noon** Zonta General Meeting

Location TBA??

**February 16 Thursday 5:30**Zappy Hour Centerpiece Creations
Betty's House – 814 E Jefferson

**February 25 Friday 6:00** Greeley Club Trivia Night 901 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, Greeley

March 3 Friday 4:00 pm - ?? ZLNO, Little America

March 8 Z Club Forum 4:30 International Womens Day Triumph High School gym

March 16 Thursday Zappy Hour

March 23 Thursday 6:00 Guided Painting FlyDragon Design Art Studio 600 W 17 St

**April 21-22 Area 2 Meeting** Details TBA - Chevenne

# Happy Birthday Zontians



Nancy Freudenthal 2/5 Amanda Roberts 2/24 Robin Kus 2/26



March 8 – Zonta Rose Day

