



ZONTA
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CHEYENNE

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ZEPHYR NEWSLETTER

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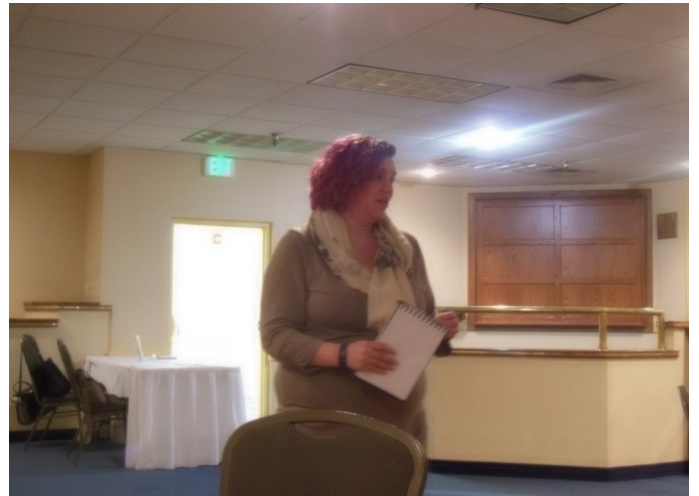
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Robin Kus

March 2017 the new member reception was held at the Radisson. Robin Kus presented discussion on the opportunity to network with individuals in the community and around the world to end violence against women. Four new member applications was recognized at the meeting.

The names of the applicants were:

Karen Pacheco

Heather Muth

Brenda Yasulevicz

Ann Erdmann





Letter from President Jaime Davis

Two weeks ago, we sent out a survey to membership. We wanted to get a better idea of why people joined Zonta Club of Cheyenne, why they continued to renew their membership, and what the membership really wanted the Club to focus on moving forward.

More than a third of the members completed the survey. Thank you! The results are shared here for your information.

Why did you become a Zontian? (Multiple responses allowed)

Sense of community involvement – 63%

Service-oriented – 63%

Enjoy being with other Zontians – 45%

Committed to women's rights – 55%

Recruited by another Zontian – 82%

Other comments

International aspects as well as local

I was a single parent raising two girls and wanted the world to be a better place for women.

What keeps you in Zonta? (Multiple responses allowed)

Sense of community involvement – 73%

Service-oriented – 28%

Committed to women's rights – 82%

Sense of community within Zonta – 37%

Look forward to seeing a friend – 18%

Other comments

I love feeling like I'm making a difference in my community. I love these women in our club. I love that my kids know and hear about what we do and I hope that empowers them.

Joined and won't quit until really offended or nothing is happening in the Club.

Would you ask a friend to be part of Zonta? Why or why not?

Yes – 100%

No – 0%

Comments

Continued

I have heard from some of my friends that we are not a welcoming group.

Committed to making others aware of violence against the community and around the world.

Because Zonta can make a difference in our community.

I would. One challenge I personally face is my own time limitations. With other organizational involvements and a family at home, it's difficult to allocate time to events.

But the expenses of membership has resulted in no takers.

The "Big Idea" project has 3 separate parts. Thinking of the Cheyenne community, if this is a 3-year campaign, which topic should we be the most committed to bringing awareness to?

Human trafficking – 36%

Sexual assault – 0%

Domestic violence – 55%

Other comments

I think all, but I personally would want to go forward with human trafficking. I feel like there is so many resources for D.V. and S.A. and not so much with H.T. It's also such a hot topic right now, that maybe Zonta would be missing a opportunity to be part of something huge.

The mission of Zonta Club of Cheyenne – to empower women through service and advocacy – is best served through: (multiple responses allowed)

Fundraising – 55%

Partnerships – 91%

Hands on projects – 82%

Other comments

Why not a little of all?

Do you have any other feedback for the Zonta Club of Cheyenne Board?

Not sure at this time.

I believe we need more hands-on projects. Or more involvement in the community.

It can be difficult at times to be actively involved and know what is going on if one is not on the Board because the Zephyr articles are often after the fact. A more robust committee structure might be welcomed, or there need to be more up-front announcements of how to be involved with Club activities.

The board is doing a great job keeping the club on track and working for our mission.

I'm excited about getting some of our funding used toward upcoming projects.

I would choose human trafficking for #4 but I haven't seen the real connection with Cheyenne that there must be. Many organizations are focusing on this but there's little feedback. I thought Zonta was in the forefront but doesn't seem to have any recognition either.

So, what did we learn? The majority of our members are committed to women's rights, and renews their membership because of that commitment. Our focus as a club should focus on domestic violence and human trafficking, although there's concern about our ability to create an impact. And, we want to DO more – partnerships and hands-on projects are important to us, and we need to both schedule and communicate more effectively.

This is very helpful. The Board will be reviewing this feedback carefully and will plan according to your responses. As we all prepare to renew our membership for the next year, please continue to share your thoughts and ideas with us. We are strong when we work together, and we want to continue to do so as we empower women through service and advocacy – locally and beyond.

Zonta Lady Night Out 2017

Zontians, our night was a great success this year. People are still talking about it and some have already marked their calendars for next year. Thank you to all club members for everything everyone did.

Tickets sold 323 which is 59 more than last yr. Yay great job Zontians! We had more expenses this year, but still came out reaching almost \$20,000. We should be very proud of ourselves.

For those of you that want to be more involved for next year, we will have a ZLNO meeting sometime this summer. Dates to follow.



April Highlights in U.S. Women's History

- **April 2, 1931** – 17-year-old Jackie Mitchell, the second woman to play baseball in the all-male minor leagues, pitches an exhibition game against the N.Y. Yankees and strikes out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The next day, the Baseball Commissioner voided her contract, claiming baseball was too strenuous for women. The ban was not overturned until 1992
- **April 5, 1911** – 100,000 to 500,000 people march in New York City to attend the funeral of seven unidentified victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in late March
- **April 7, 1805** – Sacagawea begins helping the Lewis and Clark Expedition as an interpreter
- **April 7, 1987** – Opening of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., the first museum devoted to women artists
- **April 9, 1939** – Marian Anderson sings an Easter Sunday concert for more than 75,000 at Lincoln Memorial
- **April 13, 1933** – Ruth Bryan Owen is the first woman to represent the U.S. as a foreign minister when she is appointed as envoy to Denmark
- **April 19, 1977** – Fifteen women in the House of Representatives form the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues
- **April 22** – Earth Day, honor Rachel Carson today, a woman who changed America and greatly influenced the environmental movement (her revolutionary book, *Silent Spring*, is available at www.nwhp.org)
- **April 26, 1777** – American Revolution heroine Sybil Ludington, 16 years old, rides 40 miles on horseback in the middle of the night to warn the American militia that the British were invading
- **April 28, 1993** – First "Take Our Daughters to Work" Day, sponsored by the Ms. Foundation, in 2003 it became "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" Day



Area II meeting 2016 Ft Collins

Why go to an Area II meeting?

Area II includes Zonta Clubs from Cheyenne, Laramie, Douglas, Ft Collins and Greeley. It's a great time to get to meet other Zontian's from these clubs and to meet District Officers and Chairwomen. These yearly meetings rotate locations each year and this year our club will be hosting the meeting. One of our key speakers is Diana Laws from the Greeley Club who will speak on how their club worked to stop the trafficking in their town. Also Denise Parrish will speak on advocacy efforts in the District 12 area.

It's also an opportunity to meet District officers and some of their Committee Chairs. Lt Governor Deedee Boysen will speak on membership and other Chairs include: Mary Benoit, Zonta Foundation Ambassador, Ann Hodgson, Amelia Earhart Chair, Judy McNerny, Jane M Klausman Chair, Sheila Davis, District Training Chair and Veronica Hrutkay will be available to answer questions on CEDAW in Wyoming and Colorado. Area Presidents will join in a discussion on their club's endeavors in advocacy.

Don't forget to come prepared to bid on gift baskets donated from each club. All proceeds go to District 12 scholarships. Hope to see all of you there.

April 3rd Board meeting

April 13th 12:noon At Radisson General meeting(election of officers)

Area 2 Meeting

April 21st, 2017 Social Hour at Flydragon Art Studio (Including Zappy Hour)

April 22nd 2017 Area Meeting 10a –4p at Laramie County Library

May 2nd 2017 Board Meeting

May 11th 2017 General Meeting At Radisson (installation of officers)





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The Zonta Club of Cheyenne invites you to the
Zonta District 12 Area II Meeting

“How to be an Advocate in Today’s World”

April 21st and 22nd, 2017

Friday, April 21, 2017, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Friday Night Social
Guided paint event at Fly Dragon Studio, 600 West 17th Street. Includes wine and snacks

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 10:15 am to 4:00 pm – Area II Meeting
Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Avenue, 2nd Floor, Sage Room. Includes lunch.

Guest Speaker is Diana Laws from the Zonta Club of Greeley. Diana was instrumental in forming NECCAT (Northeast Colorado Coalition Against Trafficking). NECCAT is a coalition of 7 law enforcement and 32 service providing agencies, that works to combat human trafficking.

Presenters will include District 12 Committee Chairs and a panel of Club Presidents, focusing on their local advocacy efforts.

Name: _____ 1st Time Attending Area Meeting? ____ Yes ____ No

Name of Club: _____

Position in Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Registration Fee, please indicate sessions that you will be attending:

- () Friday, April 21 Guided Painting Event \$35
 () Saturday, April 22 Area II Meeting \$30
 () Late Registration – After 4/13/2017 – add \$10

Additional Information

Please send payment and registration to Bev Ambrose by April 13, 2017

Please pay by check, payable to: Zonta Club of Cheyenne

Mail checks and registration to: Bev Ambrose
3606 Woodhaven
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Hotel Information:

5 rooms have been reserved under Zonta Club of Cheyenne at a rate of \$79.00 Plus tax. These rooms have two queen sized beds, and the hotel has a complimentary continental breakfast. You will be responsible for making your own reservations. This rate is guaranteed as long as you book your room by March 21, 2017. After this date, the hotel will no longer hold this block of rooms at this guaranteed rate.

Days Inn
2360 West Lincolnway
Cheyenne, WY 82007
(307) 778-8877

Each club in Area II will be providing a basket to be raffled off on Saturday. Tickets will be for sale on Friday evening and Saturday. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the District 12 Scholarship Fund.

For additional information or special dietary needs, please contact Linda Bogart by email at 50scholars@gmail.com or by phone at (307) 214-3045

Registration must be in by April 13,2017

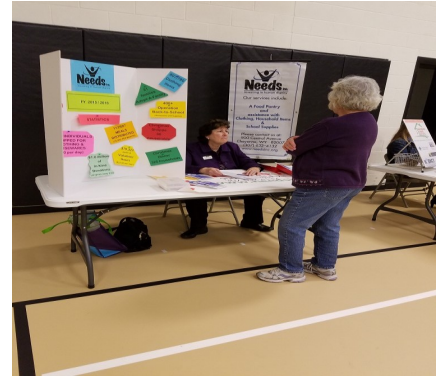
International Women's Day (March 8), the Z Club hosted a forum on human trafficking. The fair , was followed by dinner with speaker Laura Elder (Dept. of Homeland Security). Tables was displayed to raise awareness of human trafficking. The event was held at Triumph High School gymnasium. There was a good showing and opportunity to connect with others in the community working on this horrible activity.

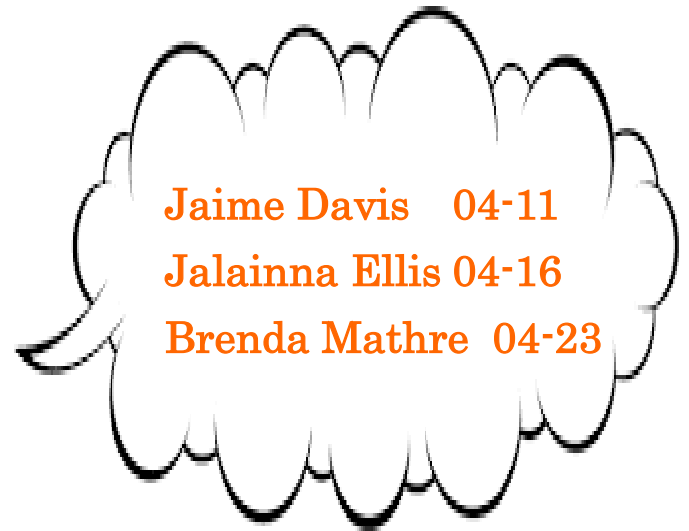


Laura Elder (Speaker)
Dept. Of Homeland Security



Dr. Michelle Aldrich





Membership brochure has been re-done, contact Jody Gostas for copy, or the brochure will be available at the monthly meetings.

Donations for Raffle basket at the Area II Meeting on April 22nd.

We are collecting items for our clubs' raffle basket at the Area II Meeting on April 22nd. We have decided on a spa themed basket. We are looking for donations of new personal care items, such as face masks, lotions, candles, manicure/pedicure supplies etc., as well as a basket. Please get all donations to Robin Kus by April 15th. Robin is available by email at fontaine.robina@gmail.com if you have any questions. Proceeds from the raffle baskets will go towards the District 12 Scholarship Fund.



Tax Day is a Procrastinators Worst Nightmare



According to FAO, women are responsible for some 60% to 80% of food production in developing countries through rearing poultry and small livestock and growing food crops. Zahra is a garlic farmer in Shaidan Valley in Afghanistan. Higher-value garlic supplements income from potatoes and wheat

