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**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
CHEYENNE  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

# ZEPHYR NEWSLETTER

## 2017 Club Officers And Board

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Jennica Fournier  
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## Nominating Committee

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## Committee Chairs

**Advocacy:** Jody Gostas  
Denise Parish, Board Liaison  
**Communication:** TBA  
Melissa Martin, Board Liaison  
**Finance:** Belinda Kolb  
Amanda Roberts, Board Liaison  
**Membership:** Bev Ambrose  
Jaime Davis, Board Liaison  
**Service:** Jennica Fournier



## Message from President Jaime Davis

I was privileged to represent our Club at the District 12 Conference in September. It was inspiring to hear of the service and advocacy work in the other clubs in our district, and reminds me that while we have much to do, we can take steps towards achieving our mission! We'll have more reports on those ideas and best practices in coming months, and will be scheduling an entire evening devoted to Advocacy with Denise, who led a session during the conference.

While the Conference was both educational and motivational, I was distressed to hear that membership is down 25% from last year. A membership decline is true of our Club as well. We want to recruit new members, but we also want to retain our current members. Retention occurs when members feel aligned with the work we are doing as well as connected with each other. Please take a quick self-inventory. Is that true for you? Do you believe in the mission of Zonta – to empower women through service and advocacy? Do you support the focus of the local club – to serve and improve the quality of life for our community? Of equal importance, do you feel connected with other Zontians?

A few months ago, we conducted a survey and asked you some of those questions. The results indicated a significant yes to the first question – all of us joined, and renewed, because of a commitment to the overall mission of Zonta, whether locally or internationally. However, the connection with other Zontians – a sense of having a friend at the meetings or activities – was not as strong. Our retention challenges will not be solved by solely doing more. Yes, we want to do more. We want to see impact in our community. We want to fundraise together, and we want to serve together. However, if we don't feel a sense of camaraderie in the process, we will struggle to retain our current members, or to grow our membership. The beauty of Zonta is that we are a sisterhood – yet, we may not consider each other "sisters". Some of us may not even consider ourselves friends!

I want to change that. We are all busy people, but if we invest in each others lives, we'll develop relationships that will propel us forward. We are stronger together, and creating a sense of camaraderie in our community will help us work together more effectively. With that in mind, I'm inviting anyone who is able to join me for coffee! I'll be at Coffee Depot, 501 W 15<sup>th</sup> Street (in the Asher Building) on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9a-1030a, and again on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9a-1030a. Feel free to stop by for five minutes or an hour... coffee is on me! I hope to see you there.

Jaime Davis  
President, Zonta Club of Cheyenne



## ZONTA LADIES NIGHT OUT IS COMING FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

Zonta of Cheyenne will offer –ZLNO tickets at the early bird price of \$65.00 through our website ([www.cheyennezonta.org](http://www.cheyennezonta.org)) with **PayPal only** **(No Direct sales for checks or cash )** **from November 15th, 2017 until January 15th, 2018** . After **January 15th 2018** direct sales for tickets will be checks, cash, or PayPal on Zonta's web site.

**Please remember ZLNO needs to be a success as it is what funds our activities and makes us a presence in the community.** There are many different ways to match your talents and interests to tasks. If your talent is not selling tickets, we are asking that you either make a bag to donate or collect items for the bags to donate. If there something you would like to do to help out with committees for ZLNO **Please contact Misti. (421-2902)**

ZONTA is asking for your thoughts on a speaker for ZLNO . Some thoughts are Marion Orr, Mayor of Cheyenne., Marilyn Kite, The first Women Chief Justice of Wyoming Supreme Court. If you have any thoughts please contact Misti or Jaime.

**So Save the Date !!!!!**

**Friday, March 2, 2018 – Mark Your Calendars**

## **A FLASH FROM THE PAST: THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT**

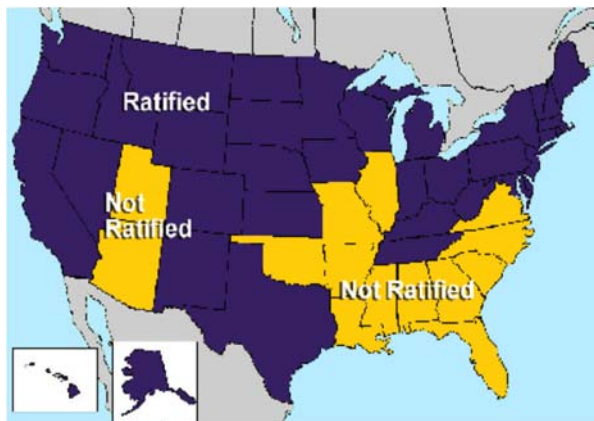
*Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.*

*The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.  
This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.*

The Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was first proposed by Alice Paul in 1923. On March 22, 1972, it was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives. It was sent to the states for ratification, and women would finally have equal rights pursuant to the U.S. Constitution if it was passed by 38 states within seven years. Easy? Not so much. Even with the deadline for ratification extended to June 30, 1982, only 35 states ratified the amendment. The result: women did not obtain the same constitutional protections as men – and still have not.

Now, we have a second chance opportunity. Resolutions have been introduced in both the U.S. House of Representatives (H.J. Res 53) and the Senate (S.J. Res. 5) to extend the ratification period and lift any deadline for getting those last three states. (Note: Nevada ratified this year, so only two more are needed!)

However, we must get these resolutions passed through Congress. Please consider contacting your Senators and Representative. While each of the four states in District 12 have passed this amendment (although South Dakota did rescind its ratification), this does not matter as long as there is no opportunity to extend the ratification deadline. Want to do some advocacy? Here is your chance!



Courtesy of [www.equalrightsamendment.org](http://www.equalrightsamendment.org)

**September Zonta Meeting-Silent Auction.** For several years we have raised money to help defray some of the cost for our delegate (s) to attend the Zonta International Convention. The 2018 ZI Convention will be in *Yokohama Japan*. *Thanks to all who attended and donated Items. It was great fun and success.*



## Laramie County Library Foundation's Booklovers Bash

Denise Parrish is going to put together a silent auction basket for the Club to donate to the Laramie County Library Foundation's Booklovers Bash. If anyone would like to donate, I have decided on a theme of a Baking Basket. This leads to all sorts of ideas: nice blocks of baking chocolate, cookie cutters, mexican vanilla, spices, hot mitts, apron, etc... you get the idea. The event is on October 20th so I would appreciate receiving any donations by October 10th or so. Folks can contact me and I will be glad to pick up donations. Thank You!

## Cookie Baking

On Sept 9, 2017 Zontians joined the church ladies at Frontier Methodist Church to help with the cookie baking project. The church has a massive Christmas cookie sale the first Saturday in December and it's time to get started. It was fun and fellowship . Watch your email for the next team bake . It will be at 1888 Four Mile Road, corner of Four Mile and Powderhouse on the lower level.

The beneficiary of the Christmas Cookie Sale is the Boys and Girls Club of Cheyenne. Our mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

**The Team baked 2,281 cookies (190 dozen) from 9 different recipes.**



**For those who feel they missed out on the fun, watch your emails because there will be more Team Baking!**

Zonta Board Meeting  
Minutes  
September 7, 2017

Members present: Jennica Fournier, Amanda Roberts, Denise Parrish, Lisa Hunt, Brenda Mathre, Kristie Wilson, and Melissa Martin.

Kristie started the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Amanda presented the budget for review. The budget has been updated and the last piece that needs to be entered is entering members to keep track of who is up-to-date on their dues.

Denise reported that there is money still sitting in the ZLNO account that will be coming to the club to pay the ZI foundation for this year and last year.

Brenda observed that we are still checking into which member paid with cash and we do not know who that money belongs to.

Brenda had a member ask about the meeting meals - if they don't eat, do they still need to pay for a meal? The board decided not to collect money for those that aren't eating.

#### Committee Reports

No new member applications to report at this time.

Navigator Report - Kristie reviewed the list for members to contact. It was encouraged the board members to contact their assigned people by Monday so they can RSVP by Tuesday for the upcoming meeting. Remind the members of the upcoming meeting and that we are having the silent auction and be prepared to shop.

Jalainna resigned as board member. Denise reported that the board is responsible for filling her spot. The board recommended we talk with Morgan to see if she is interested. Denise will talk to her at work and Jennica will follow up to answer additional questions.

Brenda reported the deadline for the board committee reports is the 23rd.

Melissa - 1-2 weeks is needed to prep press releases. Kristie recommended that we need more people as administrators on FaceBook so people can post immediately. Denise has the high-res graphics for the banner, this is close to being completed!

Finance for ZLNO reported by Denise. The Little American contract has been signed and \$1000 deposit has been paid. Misti is working on setting up meetings to work on tickets. Joani is co-chairing. Morgan and Jennica offered to help as well. Amanda will attend to provide a financial perspective.

Service – Jennica asked members to support the Frontier United Methodist Church the next bake prep day on Saturday, 8 a.m. - it is a great way to connect with other Zontians and support the church who will donate all profits to the Boys and Girls Club.

Array School of Design - Jennica and Jody recommended that we support the women in the program. The cost for the 6 month program is \$15,000. We have several options, create a scholarship, give a grant - \$500 per year? The board asked Jennica to get more information and we'll discuss again next month.

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Z Club - Jennica spoke with the District Liaison on how to create a club at East High School. She is also looking for a partner to sponsor the club at East. Amanda and Jaime attended Triumph High School's Open House and were able to connect with students. Michelle Aldrich reported that the club elected officers and will hold their first meeting will be the first Wednesday in October.

Lisa will take care of getting silhouettes for the walk kicking of the 16 days of activism. She will also reach out to the city for a permit and connect with Michelle Aldrich and Mary Walker for more information. Denise recommend we get in touch with the coordinators of the women's march to get the word out for the Silent Witness Silhouette.

Kristie encouraged members to send out the Art Contest Flyer and recruit artist as soon as possible! We are limiting artists to one submission each. Kristie is talking with the LCSD#1 Art Director about their submissions.

Legislative Watch - Denise will update district information and share that with us.

Denise reported on Colorado Business and Professional Women showing of "Equal Means Equal" documentary. It was recommended that we show this film in Cheyenne, more information is coming.

Additional Business -

Jaime proposed allocating the money from symposium (in which no one attended) to the District 12. It was moved that \$120 be given to each of the 5 members attending by Amanda and seconded by Jennica. Melissa & Jaime will be delegates and Kathy and Denise are the alternates. Motion carried.

Denise moved that we have Misti Fisher, Joani Hafner, and Amanda Roberts as signatures on the ZLNO First Education Bank account and remove all other names. Seconded by Kristie. Motion carries.

Zappy Hour is September 21st, Location TBD. Mark your calendar for the January 10th Art Contest Reception from 5 - 8 p.m. at Flydragon Studios. January 18th is Zappy Hour painting event 5 - 8 p.m. at Flydragon Studios.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Martin, Secretary

**2018 Zonta Art Contest to  
bring awareness to —  
“Human Trafficking:  
It’s in YOUR hometown.  
See it to stop it!”**

**Calling All  
Artists!!**

**Three  
\$200  
Prizes**

**ART SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
Date: 12/22/2017 Time: noon-5:00 pm

**All Forms of Art Welcomed:**

- ♦ Textiles
- ♦ Photographs
- ♦ Sketches
- ♦ Paintings
- ♦ Sculptures
- ♦ Carvings
- ♦ Tattoo art
- ♦ Comic/Graphic Novel Art
- ♦ Graphic design
- ♦ All other medium

**Art Drop off Location:**

**Flydragon Art Studio  
600 W 17th Street  
Cheyenne WY 82001  
(307) 514-5547**

**Three \$200 Cash Prize Categories:**

17 & Under (Youth)  
18 & Older (Adult)  
AND A  
People’s Choice Award

**Artwork from all  
contestants will be  
displayed as the  
FEATURED ARTISTS of  
the month at  
Flydragon Art  
Studio from**

**Jan 1 thru Jan 27, 2018**

**Please attend Reception:**

**Weds, January 10, 2018**

**5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
AWARENESS DAY**

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**ZONTA ART CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM**

Must accompany art piece— LIMIT: one entry per person—Submission deadline: 12/22/2017

ARTIST : \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF PIECE : \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Check one:

ADULT: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH: \_\_\_\_\_ FOR SALE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NFS: \_\_\_\_\_



## Upcoming Events:

October 5th, 2017: Board Meeting

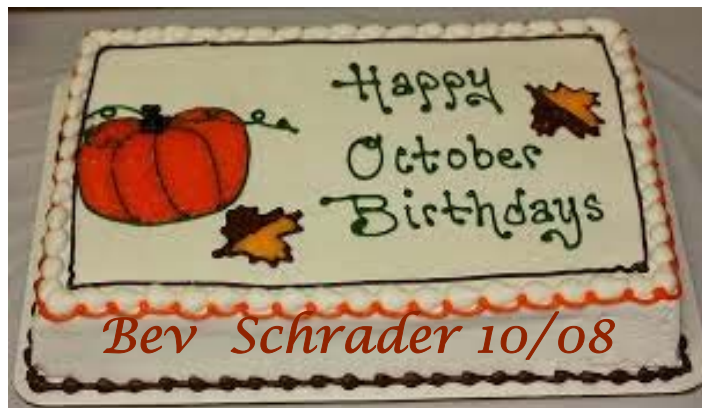
October 12th, 2017: General Meeting

October 19th, 2017: Zappy Hour

November 2nd, 2017: Board Meeting

November 9th, 2017: General Meeting

November 25th—December 10th, 2017: 16 days of Activism



## Foundation

Kathy Cathcart (Ch)

Connie Sloan Cathcart (vch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Misti Fisher (Trs)

