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ZEPHYR NEWSLETTER

2017-18 Club Officers and Board

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President Message

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We've discussed these before, but in my final message as your president, I'd like to briefly share about some of these areas, both from the international and local perspective.

Since Zonta International was founded in 1919, Zontians have been passionate about empowering women in developing countries through international service. In the more than 90 years since its first international service project was funded, Zonta International has contributed nearly \$15.5 million to projects benefiting women in 37 countries.

Through funding from the Zonta International Foundation, the Zonta International Service Program has provided training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women, primarily through projects implemented by the agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations.

In addition to our collaboration with several other organizations to serve alongside women who seek to make a difference in our community, our local service efforts include support of Z-Club, the arm of Zonta that works with youth to develop leadership skills through community service. We are proud of Triumph Z-Club and their service work in their school and in the community.

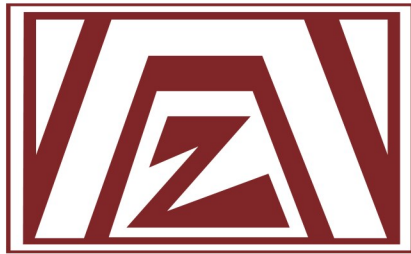
We also serve women through scholarships and awards, including Young Women in Public Affairs, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business, and a scholarship through Laramie County Community College.

Zontians actively serve. We also advocate. We advocate for gender equality, and to eliminate violence against women. A primary initiative for Zonta Club of Cheyenne has been efforts to end human trafficking. We are preparing for summer activities related to Human Trafficking Awareness, specifically posters at Frontier Park, a table and handouts at the Pancake Breakfasts during Cheyenne Frontier Days, and hosting Truckers Against Trafficking during CFD, and we need all of our members to engage in these efforts.

One of the exciting things about being a Zontian is knowing that our impact is global. Zonta Club of Cheyenne is one small part of Zonta International, but each club contributes to the greater good. Our efforts, even here in Cheyenne, Wyoming, are paving the way for equal access, equal voice, equal vote, and equal compensation for women, locally and beyond.

Thank you all for supporting me as your President. I have been privileged to serve you. We are an incredible group of women. We are doing good things locally, and through our efforts we are contributing to good things across the globe. Let us continue to unite as we work to improve women's lives, their children's lives, and the communities in which they live and work.

Together, we strive to make gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide. Together, we are strong. Together, we can empower, serve, and advocate. I am honored to stand with you. Together, we will continue to make a difference.



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YOU ARE INVITED

District 12 Transitional Board Meeting
This is a great Opportunity to Meet Your
Zonta District Board

June 1, 2018

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Red Lion Inn

204 W Fox Farm Rd.

Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007

307/638/4466

Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar



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Zonta Club of Cheyenne

General Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Renewal Invoices were handed out to Members present. Dues must be paid by April 30th, information must be to District prior to Mid-May.

The lunch meeting was called to order at 12:10pm, by Kristie Wilson who filled in for President Jaime Davis.

Z Club update

Cloe Hall provided the Z Club update. They continue to work on the Purse project and have 163 purses so far. They also collected toiletries for Safehouse. They raised \$500.00 selling roses at ZLNO. They will be going to Elitches on May 19th. They have 10 members, one is a Senior and will graduate this year.

Voting of Officers

After a nomination from the floor for Treasurer, on a Freudenthal/Gostas motion the following slate (of 2 year terms) was approved:

Club President – Kristi Wilson

Vice President – Denise Parrish

Secretary – Melissa Martin

Treasurer – Kathy Cathcart

Board Member – Morgan Fish

Board Member – Karen Pacheco

Nominating Committee — Colleen Murray

Nominating Committee — Ann Secret

On an Abernethy/Erdmann motion the following slate (of 2 year terms) was approved:

Foundation President – Kathy Cathcart

Foundation Vice President – Connie Sloan Cathcart

Foundation Secretary – Denise Parrish

Foundation Treasurer – Misti Fisher

Foundation Board Member – Kristi Wilson

Spending Proposals

The proposed budget was tabled.

The Funding Model Meeting will be rescheduled, Kathy will get with Kristie and Jennica to get several dates that will work for them and then send out a Poll to the club to find a date that works for most.

(Continued)

Other Business

District 12 Transitional meeting will be held Friday June 1 through Sunday June 3. Linda asked for members to attend the reception on Friday night 6pm to 8pm. Morgan is going to do the Ice Breaker.

Committee Reports

Brenda Mathre provided an update regarding the Bags for victims of violence.

Kathy Cathcart reminded of the Human Trafficking Awareness meeting on April 17th at 6pm at Align.

Denice provided an Advocacy Update; Zonta USA Caucus Committee; ZI Website Advocacy Action Center; Document regarding Bills at the State and Federal Level, requesting that Zontians weigh in on the Campus and Extension of the Ratification for the ERA. She suggested reaching out directly to Senator Enzi.

Ann Erdmann provided an update regarding Results and the Dear Colleague Letter that is in the Senate.

Zappy hour will be held at Morgan Fish's home on April 19th

Bev and Betty provided an update regarding the Membership meeting at Bev's house. Betty and Jody provided an update regarding the New Member meeting at the Downtown hub held 4/14.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cathcart, Acting Secretary

ATTENTION!!!!

Members dues must be submitted by our treasurer and received at ZI headquarters by June 1, 2018.

Please pay your dues no later than May 15, 2018 so we are able to meet District and International deadlines.



Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award



Gillian Rose Petsch

Gillian Rose Petsch is the winner of the YWPA award . Gillian attended the Burns Jr. Sr. High School and plans to attend Sheridan College in the fall of 2018. She plans to receive her associates degree in agribusiness and communications, then attend the University of Wyoming. She is involved in Junior Leadership of Laramie County , Albin Livestock 4H, Fellow Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Girls State, Student Council, and FFA.. Gillian holds many leadership positions and volunteering for many organizations. Gillian Quoted: “ Agriculture is my Passion, my grand solution to the fight is to keep doing the unexpected. The greatest movement in history is when someone did the unexpected like not give up their bus seat and it sparks the nation’s interest”

Congratulations to Gillian Rose Petsch !

Meet New Zonta Member



Christina Blooding and husband Aaron

Christina Blooding, owner of Flydragon Art Studio, is a Wyoming native, born in Cheyenne and attended Central High School. She met and married Aaron, her wonderful husband and life partner of 27 years. She also attended LCCC, earning her Associate's Degree in Management Information Systems.

In 1997, Christina and Aaron moved their family to the Arctic in Barrow, Alaska, where they spent the next 11 years raising their children. Their wish was for their family to experience a different way of living and grow into people who are strong, kind, loving and accepting of diversity.

In 2014 she left her successful 25-year career as a systems analyst to open Flydragon Art Studio. Her mission is to provide a fun, relaxing venue to express individual creativity, regardless of artistic skill, and release the stresses of the day.

At Flydragon she offers painting sessions, pottery, paper making, paper marbling, life casting, kids' classes and summer art camp. She strives to make the studio a fun and diverse place. She wants every person to know, regardless of "talent", that with a little bit of help they can create a wonderful piece of art.

At Flydragon Art Studio, Christina has hosted Zonta's Ladies' Night Out the past two years and the Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Art Contest for three years in a row, which showcases local artists. Christina is not a stranger to survivors' rights. In her late 20s, she and three other women spent three years fighting to pass Wyoming's child sex offender registry, as well as a neighborhood notification law for child sex offenders. These laws were later rewritten to encompass all sex offenders. Christina is a strong supporter of enabling women to find their voices through art.

Upcoming Events:

May 3, 2018	Board Meeting, 5:30pm	Melissa Martin's home
May 10, 2018	General Meeting, 6:00pm	Red Lion Inn 204 Fox Farm Rd.
May 17, 2018	Zappy Hour, 5:30pm	TBD
June 1, 2018	District 12 Transitional Meeting	
June 7, 2018	Board Meeting, 5:30pm	
June 14, 2018	General Meeting, 12:00pm	
June 21, 2018	Zappy Hour, 5:30pm	

Foundation :

Kathy Cathcart (Chair)

Connie Sloan Cathcart (Vice-Chair)

Denise Parrish (Secretary)

Misti Fisher (Treasurer)

Jaime Davis



Denise Parrish

Mary walker

Melissa Martin

Cindy Wertz

The Freedom Drivers Project

July 25, 26 2018



The freedom drivers project will be Wednesday July 25, and Thursday July 26th at the frontier park.

You will need to wear your name badges to get into the park.

There will be parking passes or transportation available.

To help with the project we will need 4-5 volunteers at the truck for 2-3 hour shifts from 10:00am until 7:00pm

To sign up please call or e-mail Brenda Mathre at 307-631-2670 or bmathre0447@gmail.com

Women History

- **May 5, 1938** – Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen presents results of her medical research identifying the disease cystic fibrosis at a meeting of the American Pediatric Association
- **May 1, 1950** – Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African-American woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, named Library of Congress's Consultant in Poetry (later called Poet Laureate) in 1985
- **May 21, 1932** – Amelia Earhart Putnam becomes the first woman to complete a solo-transatlantic flight by flying 2,026 miles from Newfoundland to Ireland in just under 15 hours
- **May 29, 1977** – Janet Guthrie becomes the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500 car race
- **May 29, 1943** – "Rosie the Riveter" by Norman Rockwell appears on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post

International Day to End Obstetric Fistula

23 May 2018

Obstetric fistula is one of the most serious and tragic injuries that can occur during childbirth. It is a hole between the birth canal and the bladder or rectum caused by prolonged, obstructed labor without treatment.

The condition typically leaves women incontinent, and as a result they are often shunned by their communities. Sufferers often endure depression, social isolation and deepening poverty. Many women live with the condition for years – or even decades – because they cannot afford to obtain treatment.

On 18 December 2014, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on obstetric fistula. The resolution calls on the international community to intensify technical and financial support to maternal health efforts, including action to eliminate fistula.

An estimated 2 million women in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Arab region, and Latin America and the Caribbean are living with this injury, and some 50,000 to 100,000 new cases develop each year. Yet fistula is almost entirely preventable. Its persistence is a sign that health systems are failing to meet women's essential needs.

The resolution also calls for improved registration and follow-up for fistula survivors to improve their access to medical treatment and to ensure they are able to receive obstetric care during future pregnancies.

It was co-sponsored by more than 150 Member States and was adopted by consensus.



With their words, actions, and unconditional love, mothers have a profound influence on their children. Our mothers give us life, nurture us, and support us as we grow from babies to adults. They teach us, take care of us, and give us advice (wanted or unwanted!), and often provide this sort of motherly presence for many others in their lives as well. To celebrate Mother's Day, here is one of history's greatest moms.

MARIE CURIE

Although scientist Marie Curie (1867—1934) is best known for being the first woman to win a [Nobel Prize](#), she also raised her two young daughters alone after her husband died in an accident in 1906. One of their daughters, Irène Joliot-Curie, went on to co-win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry with her husband for their own work with radioactivity. Joliot-Curie said [her mother](#) instilled hard work and flexibility in her children: “That one must do some work seriously and must be independent and not merely amuse oneself in life—this our mother has told us always, but never that science was the only career worth following.”

New Member Reception

It has been a tradition to have a new member reception after our Ladies Night Out Event in March. This year the membership committee planned a wonderful event at the Botanical Gardens. Surrounded by indoor plants and a view of the new Grand Conservatory, potential members were greeted by Zonta Members. Triumph Culinary Catering provided the refreshments. Morgan Kikendall passed a ball with questions written on it to each attendee as an ice breaker. Bev Ambrose spoke about our Zonta mission and achievements of the Cheyenne Zonta Club. In May we will welcome eight new members to our club.

- 1-Beth Herrbolt Kene
- 2-Christinia Blooding
- 3-Karen Kitchens
- 4-Kathy Orr
- 5-Melissa Page
- 6-Michelle Aldrich
- 7-Michelle Ghee
- 8-Stephanie DeForest



2018 Service Project

We are making back packs for Rape Victims in Laramie County. Bags are for the Victims Assistant Program in Cheyenne. When young women have encountered a rape, they have a physical exam and must leave their clothes for evidence. These bags will contain clothes and other items that they need. We have three members that have volunteered to make the bags. These bags contain three sizes of clothes, Small, Medium and Large.

Items needed adult for the victims bags:

Sweat or Yoga Pants

T-Shirts

Sports bra

Panties

Flip Flops

Small fleece blanket one yard of fleece, 54" wide

Deodorant

Tooth Brush and Tooth Paste

Shampoo / Conditioner

Body Wash & Cloth

Sanitary Pads / Tampax

Items we are in need the most at this time are small , Medium, and Large Pants and Bras and Blankets (54 inch)

The Items for child victims bags:

Toddler sizes and up through middle school girls and boys

Pants

Shirts

Girls panties

Boys shorts

Socks (boys and girls)

Blankets small for toddler and 54 in for older

Tooth brush and tooth paste

Comb or brush

Shampoo and body wash

Toy for appropriate size child

You can bring any of these items to our meetings. We will also except cash or Kohls cash.

Questions Contact: Brenda Mathre, Jennica Fournier, or Linda Bogart

**Strong Women Of the West
Zonta Club of Converse County
Area 2 Meeting April 13th 14th 2018 Douglas Wyoming**

Friday night there was an Ice Breaker at the College Inn followed by and historic tour of the College Inn which upstairs was believed to be a brothel at one time. Following we had refreshments at the historic Hotel LaBonte. Saturday, we met at Ruthe James Williams building in the Wyoming State Fairgrounds. There were speakers on Legislation, discussion on our Zonta Biennial Goals, and Denise gave report United Nations and Advocacy. There was discussion on online classes, online frequently ask questions, and online video clips for upcoming classes

For information on classes e-mail shedavis@comcast.net

Maria Walker from Converse Hope Center was the keynote speaker. A great and powerful speaker.

“Thanks to the Douglas Zonta group for great and informative meeting.”

