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ZEPHYR NEWSLETTER



Kristie Wilson



February is HERE! There are lots of things to LOVE about Zonta & being a member. Some are obvious, like changing the world for women one service & advocacy project at a time. But some things are not so quite out in the forefront, like the many unsung minutes put into each project that goes unaccounted for... seemingly unappreciated. I assure you, it does not. I LOVE the attention to detail our Zonta Night Out (ZNO) leaders put into making the event 'just happen.' I LOVE the long hours and passion it takes for our legislative committee to stay on top of all the important issues. I LOVE the devotion and care our Hope Bag makers give to making sure each bag has a personal, caring touch. I LOVE the time spent with the young Z Club members in hopes to change future thinking. I LOVE how each member donates even a second of her time, any percentage of her effort, and even one penny of her finances to making our club important and impactful to the lives of the women on the receiving end.

I LOVE what we do. I LOVE Zonta. I hope you do too.

LOVE, your President

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Attention!!!

The months of March and April Jody Gostas will be doing the newsletter. Please send all articles and information to booknut.jody@gmail.com

January 10, 2019 General Meeting Minutes
CRMC Auditorium A

Call to order 6:25 p.m. by Kristie Wilson dressed as Amelia Earhart
January birthdays celebrated – Ann Erdmann 1/22 & Candace Greiss – not present

Introduction of members and guest. Question presented in light of Earhart Celebration: Who is your famous role model? Answers included Jesus, Freddie Mercury (question then revised to famous FEMALE role model) Hedy Lamar, Mother Teresa, Nurse Mary Walker, Betty White, Betty Abernethy's Mother, Gloria Steinem, Frida Kahlo, Jama Jamil, Oprah Winfrey, Maya Angelo, Other Zontian's, Kat Cat's Mom.
Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Cathcart.

Dr. Michelle Aldrich presented the yearly Amelia Earhart Presentation for the group. She provided an insightful list of 15 Facts as well as colored pencils and an illustration of Amelia for the members to color in while she was speaking. Michelle and her husband Andy made miniature candy airplanes for each member who attended and a few extra for their kids. Very interesting and interactive.

Misti Fisher reported that 80 tickets so far have been sold for ZNO. 260 meals guaranteed to Little America. There will be no speaker, vendors are coming in per Kathy Cathcart 35 is the limit. Discussion of putting current ZNO information on webpage and FB. Misti handed out ZNO posters. Denise has raffle tickets. Becki needs small items for gift bags. Channel 5 morning show on January 17 featuring Jennica & Kristie and 2/20 Michelle & Kristie at 5:50 a.m.

District 12 Book Service Project was explained by Kathy Cathcart and a THOROUGH & COMPLETE plan and budget was presented by Dr. Michelle Aldrich who communicated with LCSD #1 head librarian of which books should go to which schools. Betty moved, Ann seconded a total of \$3,500 (well over the estimated budget) for Zonta to fund this.

Kathy Cathcart called Zonta Foundation Board to order for a side meeting since 5 foundation members were present. Foundation board approves expenditure, motion carried. Denise had some discussion about not having proper Notice Disclaimer. More discussion. Foundation meeting closed by Kathy Cathcart.
Legislation report: Ann Erdmann explained & provided spreadsheet that keeps track of all the bills we are watching as a club. She will be sending email updates to club members with ways we can take action. Subject line will be "ALERT." Kudos to Anne and Denise for keeping us updated on legislation and all their work in this capacity.

Human Trafficking Awareness Month – another successful year with the 5th annual art contest to raise awareness. Suggestions for next year would be have a guest book, request artists provide an "artist statement" along with their art piece, and notify legislators of the event, Mayor and Governor to sign proclamations like 16 Days, think about hosting date on weekend night instead of weekday night. Jody and Kristie will have preliminary meeting for 2020 art contest later in January. Guided painting will take place on 1/17/2019 30 spots budgeted and 50 spots filled, may have a speaker for the evening, and will "upsell" ZNO event to painting attendees.

Leap into leadership will be 1/23/2019 \$55 tickets at Little American. Connie, Kathy, and Jody were planning to go and invited others to attend.

Brenda will send out email to invite members to help stuff Hope Bags. Michelle A. suggested inviting teachers whose classes will be sewing bags and ZClub to this event for community bonding.

Group picture was taken with their Amelia Earhart coloring sheet.
Exact time of meeting adjournment not recorded but probably around 7:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Belinda Kolb & Brenda Mathre
Minutes typed and respectfully submitted by Kristie Wilson
January 27, 2019

4:38 PM

Zonta Club of Cheyenne

01/03/19

Reconciliation Summary

First Interstate Bank, Period Ending 12/31/2018

Dec 31, 18

Beginning Balance	13,160.69
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 2 items	-394.83
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	170.00
Total Cleared Transactions	-224.83
Cleared Balance	12,935.86
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 1 item -	-11.00
Total Uncleared Transactions -	-11.00
Register Balance as of 12/31/2018	12,924.86
New Transactions	
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	120.00
Total New Transactions 1	20.00
Ending Balance	13,044.86

Zonta's Amelia Earhart Meeting



Amelia Earhart received the U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross for being the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Her determination and intelligence still inspires today!

Human Trafficking Awareness Art Contest Painting and Winners of the Art Contest



Youth Winner(13 & younger) - Allie Wagner



Teen Winner (age 14-18) - Harlie Ayotte



Adult winner and People's Choice Award Winner Alexa Blooding



Linda Bogart

Dept of Justice's Press Release dated 1/7/2019

Cara Boyle Chambers in the WY Attorney General's Office, Div of Victim Services forwarded this article from the Dept of Justice's Press Release dated 1/7/2019. Zonta of Cheyenne has been working to raise awareness of human trafficking. Here is evidence that human trafficking is a horrific crime; anything we can do to increase our attention and consciousness is justified.

Prosecution Dismantled International Sex Trafficking Organization that Forced Young Women and Girls from Mexico and Central America into Prostitution for Over a Decade.

The first week in January five members of a notorious international criminal organization, known as the Rendon-Reyes Trafficking Organization, were sentenced to prison terms of 15 to 25 years by US District Court in Brooklyn NY. According to documents filed in court, members of the Organization used different methods to force victims to engage in prostitution, including severe and repeated beatings, sexual assaults, forced abortions, threats to the victims, their families and children, and psychological harm. Members of the Organization forced the victims to perform as many as 45 sex acts a night and took all of the prostitution proceeds, funneling the money back to Mexico.

“These sentencing are the latest chapter in this Office’s long-term commitment to eradicate human trafficking and all forms of modern-day slavery,” stated United States Attorney Donoghue. “The crimes committed by the members of the Rendon-Reyes Trafficking Organization were brutal and shocking, and I hope that the sentences give the victims in this case some sense of justice. We will not tolerate the exploitation of women and girls for profit or sexual servitude.”

Parts of this article were modified for the Zephyr; read the full article at [justice.gov/opa/pr/five-members-mexican-sex-trafficking-organization-sentenced-prison](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/five-members-mexican-sex-trafficking-organization-sentenced-prison).



Audra Johnson

My name is Audra Johnson and I am a Wyoming native. I did spend some of my childhood in Seattle, Washington and in Grand Junction, Colorado. I moved back to Cheyenne to finish high school and then joined the Wyoming Air National Guard. My career in the Guard was incredible and I was given the opportunity to travel the world. Unfortunately, I was retired a little early due to some medical issues but managed to have 17 ½ (mostly) great years! Although I would have loved to finish off my 20 active duty years with the Guard, God had other plans for me. He rejoined Rachel Legler and I in an amazing adventure of florists and owners of The Prairie Rose. I also have an awesome husband, daughter and two step-daughters, a crazy St. Bernard, and two cats (that I swear are in their 100s and just hanging on to annoy my husband). I wanted to be a part of Zonta after attending a ZLNO a few years ago. The mission of empowering women and helping those in need touched my heartstrings! I’m so grateful for organizations like Zonta and proud to be a member. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful organization!

Committee Reports

Membership Committee: See Report Page (7)
Quick List : Revision just released and updated



Communication Committee

Newsletter : As published

Website: Needs work

Historian: See page (7)

Advocacy Committee:

Legislative Watch : Ann Erdmann has sent regular reports and be sure you have seen Denise's article in WTE

Zonta Human Trafficking Awareness and Art Contest: (See page 4)

Service Committee:

Hope Bags: We will be putting bags together on February 23, 2019 at Align. McCormick and Carey Jr. High is sewing the bags as a project.

Jennica sent out to everyone at the high schools and colleges information about WYPA. Jennica will be contacting Array to get their women to apply. Denise did a news release and it was in the paper. Jennica has a Facebook page for WYPA. It would be great if Zontians could share it. Our regular page posted a link. The other scholarships are not out and updated yet on the international site. International said it would be out in February.
Thanks , Jennica

Finance Committee

ZNO : See report on Page (8)

By Laws Taskforce (No Report)

Centennial Committee : (No Report)



Membership Committee Meeting 01/19/2019

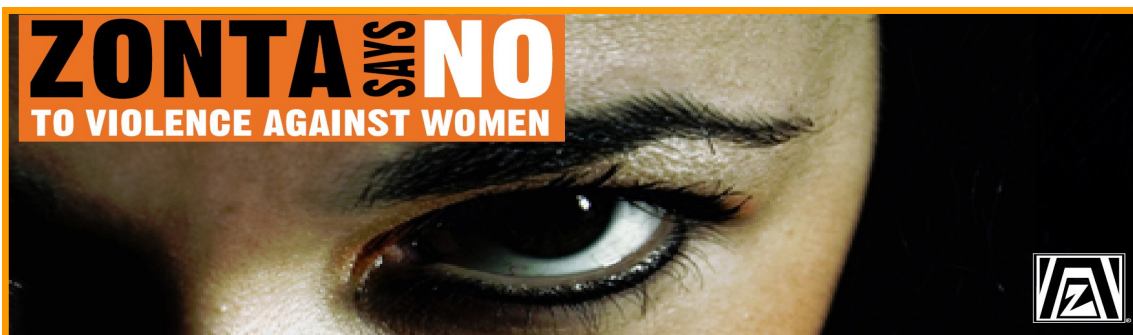
Present were Jaime Davis, Chairman, Betty Abernethy, Linda Bogart, Jody Gostas

1. Dues amounts MUST be shown on application for membership.
 2. Zappy Hour will cease as it has been. In place we will try periodic (every 3 or 4 months) invitations to new members for an informal orientation including a packet (which might be given at time of initiation).
The first such meeting will be Saturday, 2/16/19, at 10:00 a.m. at the Plains Restaurant.
 3. New members will be responsible only for UN meetings in November and not the Amelia Earhart meeting in January.
 4. Consideration was given to 'Take a Zontian to Lunch.' We're not sure how to implement this, but think for now that we will ask members to sign up if they want to connect with a new member. The goal is to create connection.
 5. We need to stop making members feel guilty if they aren't able to put a lot of time into Zonta activities. Sometimes being faithful about dues payments, financial donations, letter-writing to legislators, etc. is all plenty for our busy members to achieve. We will celebrate a Zontian in the Zephyr every month for their contribution to our club.
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Historian

Committee Reports January 22, 2019 Historian The Zonta Club of Cheyenne received an Thank you letter from the Wyoming State Archives for their donations of Club records. A donation of Zonta 2007 minutes, photos and newsletters was donated to the State Archives in January. Also donated were photos from a 1997 planning retreat, 1991 photos from a Zonta retreat and photos of the Cheyenne delegation at the ZI Convention held in Dallas in 1990. These records can be viewed at the Wyoming State Archive site upon request. The club retains 10 years of records that are currently stored at Linda Bogart's house.

Linda Bogart and Jody Gostas, Historian committee



ZNO Report

All hands on Deck meeting for ZNO!

I need to continue updates on things we're all working on. I will have updates for all of you as where we are and how you can help.

We still are in need of filler grab bag items. Small lady things and here is a List of what would be good.

Bath bombs

Hair accessories

Box of candy bars

Chap sticks

Lotions

Nail filers

Pretty little things

Pictures frames

Candles

Gloves

What do you want in them????

Still needing to fill 25 more bags.

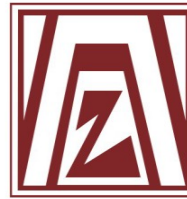
Tickets tickets tickets people. I know some of you hate hearing it but let's be honest that's a HUGE part of this event. Let's not wait till the last min to wrap things up. It's SOOO stressful I have to tell you. Please don't put me through that.

It's go time people and I want to see you there. Please make time, I know it's hard as it is for me and many others.



Misti

Zonta Club of Cheyenne Hope Bag Project



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Hope Bags

Items for Bags or cash donations accepted give to Brenda Mathre at General Meeting in February



Kudo's

To Michelle Aldrich for contacting the teachers at Carey and McCormick Jr. High. The students will be sewing the Zonta Hope Bags for us as a Project..

Thank You !!! Michelle

Kudo's

To Denise Parrish for a great article in WTE.

Thank You !!!

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To all who made another successful Year Human Trafficking Art Contest.

Thank You !!

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TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Upcoming Events:

February 7, 2019 Board Meeting 5:30 pm Align 1401 Airport Parkway #300

February 14, 2019 Zonta General Meeting 12 noon Community Action 211 West 19th St. 1st Floor

February 23, 2019 11:00 am To put Items in Hope Bags at Align 1401 Airport Pkwy. Ste. 300

March 7, 2019 5:30 pm Align 1401 Airport Parkway #300

March 8, 2019 ZNO Little America pen at 4:00 pm Dinner 6:15 pm

March 20, 2019 **Save this Date** After ZNO Party (Place TBD)

Triumph High School

Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night

Wednesday, February 27th @ 5:00 pm

\$5.00 each for dinner/3 Bingo free

Dinner 5:00 pm—6:00 pm

Bingo 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Benefits Triumph Skills USA

Save this date for Zonta Area Meeting!

Location: Laramie Wyoming

Date: April 5, 2019 Friday night social event

April 6, 2019 Saturday Area Meeting. Watch for Registration form sent to all Zontian members Via E-Mail

Foundation :

Kathy Cathcart (Ch)

Connie Sloan Cathcart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Misti Fisher (Tres)

Kristie Wilson (Pres)

