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So long 2019 . . . Hello 2020!!

A new year and a new decade! WOW! There are new goals, new projects, new schedules, and for some of our members new lives in new locations!!! While we relish starting anew with a clean slate, there's much to be said about observing continued traditions. January brings forth two of those long-held traditions. Let's try to look at them with fresh 20/20 eyesight (see what I did there?). Firstly, January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month heading up with our annual Art Contest Reception on Wednesday, January 8th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and the FREE Zonta-sponsored guided painting on Thursday, January 16th at 6 p.m. Both events will be held at Flydragon Art Studio at 600 W 17th Street. Please join us for both to help our long tradition of spreading awareness to end human trafficking.

Secondly, our General Meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 6 p.m. This meeting is so important to our club as it's the time we celebrate and honor one of the most famous of all Zontians, Amelia Earhart. Please join us as Melissa Martin & Linda Bogart open their home to us for our pot luck meeting. Bring something savory or sweet to share please! More details on all these dates I mention later on in our newsletter. Keep reading!!

One last thing . . . your Zonta Board meets this Thursday, January 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Align training room, 1401 Airport Parkway, Suite 300. Did you know YOU can attend and hear the ins and outs of what makes our club tick and how the club's goals and projects are brought to life. Consider joining us for the night, we'd love to have you!

Hope to see you at all the events this month & let's start our 2020 with perfect vision of our year to come.

I remain,
Kristie Wilson, President
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THEME: ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS 20/20

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AT FLYDRAGON ART STUDIO

Artists' Reception: Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

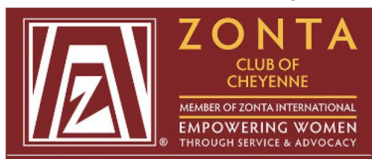
Flydragon Art Studio - 600 W. 17th Street 82001

Separate Prizes for: Kids, Teens, Adults and

in categories 2D, 3D, & Photography

Questions? Contact Kristie 307-214-4376

Presented By:



ZONTA'S NIGHT OUT

MARCH 6, 2020



DINNER, SHOPPING, SPEAKERS, SOCIALIZING

Full Plated Dinner of Top Sirloin
Steak or Cheese & Spinach
Ravioli

Shopping from Dozens of Local
Vendors

Cash Raffle

Grab Bags and Wine Raffle

Learn More about Zonta's Work

Cash Bar

*Fundraising Toward Meeting the Vision Where No Woman Lives in Fear of
Violence and Every Woman has the Opportunity to Reach Her Full Potential.*

DOORS OPEN 4 p.m.

DINNER 6:30 p.m.

Little America Hotel and Convention Center
2800 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY

INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS \$75

Sponsorships Available



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WHO WILL BE OUR SPEAKER FOR ZONTA'S NIGHT OUT?

Several of you have engaged in conversation with me about who should be our speaker for Zonta's Night Out 2020. A few of you have offered suggestions for speakers on topics ranging from Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women to Women of Wyoming History. Your suggestions have been welcomed by the co-chairs of our upcoming event. However, after discussion among the co-chairs, we have decided to try to obtain a speaker who will focus on the recent and current priorities of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne.

For some time now, we have had a focus on the overall topics of Violence and Against Women and Human Trafficking. We have spent the past few years raising and saving money for a project focused on Ending Violence Against Women. Kathy Cathcart and others are actively working with the University of Wyoming to jump start a project to identify existing resources and community needs relative to Violence Against Women. We have engaged in a few activities relative to trying to get to the root cause including co-sponsoring a *Coaching Boys to Men* project and writing op-eds about civil discourse and role models.

Given the importance of this issue, I have begun a search for a speaker who is actively working in the area of violence prevention. Some names of folks in Wyoming are on my short list, as are some national speakers. I have briefly communicated with Cara Boyle Chambers at the Victims' Services Office of the Wyoming Attorney General. Cara has indicated that there might be an opportunity for some financial support from her office relative to a speaker and she has offered some suggestions of folks we might consider. I am in the process of following up on this and will let the group know when we have a speaker locked in.

Rest assured, that the debate occurring is not about whether to have a speaker, but who that speaker should be. We want the person to be relevant to our work and someone who can help our audience understand the reason we have passion for the issues we care about. But, we must also balance this with the fact that Zonta's Night Out is first and foremost a fundraiser for the work we do long-term and throughout each year.

Is it important for us to learn more about the work of the Wyoming Task Force on Missing and Murdered Native American Women and Girls? Of course. Is it important that we celebrate 150 years of suffrage in Wyoming? Sure. But, those things do not have to be done through our ZNO keynote speaker. Instead, let's consider other opportunities to learn, care, and share about other important issues that matter to making our community a better, safer place to live.

Denise Parrish
Co-Chair, ZNO 2020



BYE-BYE, Belinda Kolb-Ryan

Update on my life...most of the fall season I have been packing up my 15 years in Cheyenne. I retire on January 3rd from my position as Senior Rate Analyst in the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate. I am in the midst of a whirlwind of other changes too. I have been blessed to be in a loving relationship for the past six years with a wonderful man named Mark. Last spring we became engaged and will be married on February 14, 2020 in Nashville TN where I have two sisters. We each have two great adult children and they comprise our wedding party. It is an intimate family wedding. Mark has only two sisters in his immediate family. I still have two sisters and my parents who are able to travel and be with us. I will be selling my home in Cheyenne and will spend a major part of the year at Mark's farm in Minnesota, hopefully the worst winter months in Nashville, and sprinkle in many return trips to Cheyenne. I have loved my life in Cheyenne and as my kids are doing well in their careers here I expect they will be here for several more years. Mark and I may actually return to Cheyenne more permanently in the future but for now he sees 5-10 more years of farming in his future.

My time as a member of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne has been an important part of my life and I am happy to report that there is a Zonta club in St. Cloud MN. I will be attending there and see where I can fit in. I am thankful to have gotten to know many of you well and to work on Zonta goals. My active retired life is starting to look pretty exciting! I have an entire farm house to remodel and I hope to have time to focus on my art work. I may even certify as a "Strong by Zumba" instructor since it seems they are lacking one in the area of MN where I will be. Retire, Move, and Get Married....yes, I am following the rule of "Do It Scared".... my best to each of you. Take note of my updated email (drbelinda1259@gmail.com) and do keep in touch. Belinda

Legendary pilot Amelia Earhart is one of Zonta International's most famous former members. Each year during the month of January, Zonta celebrates her spirit and impact.



AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship description

Globally, women make up around 25 percent of the workforce in the aerospace industry. In an effort to carry out its mission that women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, Zonta International offers the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US\$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. It may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.

Since the program's inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,603 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$10.3 million, to 1,174 women representing 73 countries.

Our Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force.

What's New with Blue?

Mark Your Calendars – #WearBlueDay is Saturday, January 11th

January is dedicated to raising awareness of human trafficking. Blue Campaign's largest awareness event is [#WearBlueDay](#) on Saturday, January 11th – National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. On this day, we ask you to wear a piece of blue clothing, take a photo of yourself or with others, and share it on social media (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram) with [#WearBlueDay](#). It not only raises awareness of human trafficking, it generates online conversation about the crime. Don't forget to tag us using [@DHSBlueCampaign](#) on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#), so we can see how you are participating in [#WearBlueDay](#)!

Why the Color Blue?

Blue is internationally symbolic of human trafficking awareness.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR GIFT GRAB BAGS FOR ZONTA'S NIGHT OUT 2020

Please provide any donations to Rebecca Reid who is putting together the grab bags.

Remember -- don't be shy about asking retailers around town for donations.

BATH & PERSONAL PRODUCTS	KITCHEN & AROUND THE HOUSE	THINGS TO WEAR & ACCESSORIES	OTHER STUFF
Bath Bombs / Bath Salts	Candles and Candle Holders	Fuzzy Socks	Note Pads
Luffa Sponges	Kitchen Towels	Fuzzy Gloves	Journals
Lotion	Pot Holders	Jewelry	Wyoming Gear of Any Kind
Liquid or Bar Soap	Other Kitchen Items	House Slippers	Gift Cards of Any Kind
Chap Stick or Lip Balm	Picture Frames	Scarves	Gum, Candy Bars, Tic Tacs
Make-up Sets	Cups / Coffee Mugs	Sunglass Holders	Pop Sockets
Body Wash	Wine Bottle Openers	Clutches, Coin Purses, Hand Bags	Coloring Books / Markers
Body Spray	Tupperware		Craft Items
Hand Sanitizers	Can Koozies		Packs of Thank You Cards
Face Masks / Eye Sleeping Masks	Air Fresheners		Greeting Cards
Cologne / Perfume	Wine Charms		Stress Balls
Pencil Bag / Make-up Bag	Decorative Plates		Any reasonable Homemade Item
	Wreath Holders		Direct Sale Items
Hair Clips, Pony Tail Holders, Barrettes, Hair Brushes	Small Home Décor Items (must fit in bag)		

Zontian's You are Invited!

Denise Parrish will be retiring January 23,2020 . She has invited all of her Zonta friends to celebrate. Drop by the Elks on January 23, 2020 from 3:30 to 7:00. Hosted bar and food. She would like everyone to let her know by January 16,2020 weather they are coming or not (it would be appreciated.)

ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE

General Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order on 12/12 at 12:12 in the meeting room of Align. There was not a quorum present and there were no guests.

December birthdays were acknowledged.

General Announcements: Denise Parrish referred to the Wyoming PBS Premiere – The State of Equality: Wyoming Women’s Suffrage film shown at Civic Center on Tuesday, Dec 10. It will be shown tonight on WY PBS TV station. She also announced her official retirement date is January 23, 2020. Belinda Kolb (now known as Belinda Ryan) will be leaving Cheyenne around 2nd week in January to living in MN with new husband. Shirley Welte has moved from Cheyenne to possibly Iowa. Lisa Smith has moved to OK.

Committee Reports

ZNO: December is the ideal month to get sponsors and sell tickets. Kathy Cathcart is sponsor chairman and will gladly contact potential sponsors for any member who needs assistance doing so. Becki Reed still needs items for grab bags. The website re ZNO is out of date; Denise and Kathy will work to get that current. There was a lot of discussion about issues surrounding a speaker for the event.

MEMBERSHIP: Betty Abernethy has agreed to be chairman of this committee for the remainder of the year. A new application was received today from Kathleen Starr. This will be presented to the committee and Board for approval.

COMMUNICATION: Again the website is out of date and needs review.

SERVICE: Art Contest deadline for submission of entries is 12/28/2019 at Fly Dragon Art Studio. The reception is 1/8/20 from 4:30 – 6:30. Encourage contacts with artists to submit works, theme relates to 20/20 vision of Human Trafficking. Michelle Aldrich is coordinating a Service Organization Blood Drive “competition” in February. More information will be in Zephyr. A new chairman is needed for the Art Contest and the Silent Witness/16 Days events.

ADVOCACY: The US sees increasing maternal mortality rates. Contact US Representatives (Rep Cheney for WY) about the following Bills which effect mother and child health: HR 1897, HR 4768, HR 4201. Contact US Senators about S 916 and S 116. Exact titles and sponsors/co-sponsors of these Bills can be found at website [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov). WY child marriage bill will be pushed again by Rep. Pelkey if possible. The 202 session will not begin until February so there is some time for Ann Erdmann to review proposes legislation and she will advise membership of those during the Budget Session that will need our attention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/28: Art Contest deadline for submission of entries
- 01/02: Board Meeting at Align Offices
- 01/08: Art Contest Reception at Fly Dragon 4:30-6:30 pm
- 01/09: Zonta Amelia Earhart evening meeting at home of Melissa Martin/Linda Bogart (free-will donation)
- 01/16: Guided Painting Night at Fly Dragon Art Studio
- February: Blood Drive Challenge

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Jody Gostas, Acting Recorder

Upcoming Events:

January 2, 2020 5:30 Board Meeting at Align 1401 Airport Parkway #300

January 8, 2020 Trafficking Awareness Art Contest Reception 4:30—6:30 Flydragon 600 W. 17th St.

January 9, 2020 5:30 **Traditional Zonta Amelia Earhart evening meeting at Melissa Martin and Linda Bogart home (Free will donation) Pot Luck (bring your favorite dish.)**

January 16, 2020 Guided Painting Night Flydragon 600 W. 17th St.

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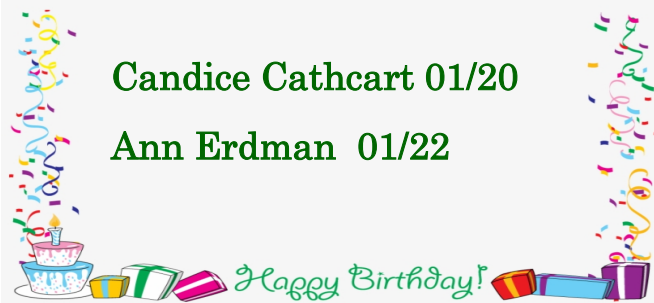
January 23, 2020 Denise Parrish has invited Zonta to her retirement party 3:30—7:00 at the Elks . Please let her know by January 16, 2020

Feb 2020 Blood Drive Challenge

Betty Abernethy will be collecting the bottle's of wine for ZNO bag's.

Candice Cathcart 01/20

Ann Erdman 01/22



Zonta Foundation :

Kathy Cathcart (Ch)

Connie Sloan Cathcart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Misti Fisher (Tres)

Kristie Wilson (Pres)

Feb 2020 Blood Drive Challenge



1st Annual Community Service Organization Blood Drive
Catch The Vision for Community Service

During the month of February 4 international organizations with Cheyenne chapters will work together to increase blood donations in our community because we love Cheyenne! Join Zonta in a friendly contest with Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary to see how many units of blood we can have donated to Vitalant (formerly United Blood. Each time someone donates in February they will be able to drop a marble into a jar representing their donation. Even if you aren't able to donate you can encourage everyone you know to walk in any time during February and donate in Zonta's name. Each Monday in February one of the community organizations participating will be featured on the Channel 5 Morning news. Each organization will be able to talk about the focus of their international organizations and the blood drive! Plan now to donate or to get someone to donate and drop a marble in the Zonta jar!

Michelle Aldrich, Ph.D.

