

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." -Helen Keller



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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 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 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

Kristie Wilson

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Zonta 6th Annual Human Trafficking Art Contest

The Human Trafficking Art Contest Reception was held on January 8, 2020. The theme for the year was “Ending Human Trafficking is 20/20” in line with the eye chart and increasing awareness. This year we encouraged entries in several different categories, including 2 dimensional, 3 dimensional, and photography art a blind judging format was used. A heart-felt thank you is extended to the judges who committed time during the holiday season to review the entries: Mary Billiter from the Wyoming Arts Council; Camellia El-Antably owner of Clay Paper Scissors Gallery in Cheyenne; and, Dr. Lorraine Gallagher.

We also want to thank Grace Foulk, a reporter from KGWN, who provided video news coverage the night of the reception. Another note of gratitude goes to a special friend of Zonta, Andrew Dyl, who donates his time and creativity for our announcements and posters. “Of course it wouldn’t have been such a smooth operation without the help pf Christina (and Aaron) Blooding at Flydragon Design Art Studio.”

The following winners were announced that night:

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| Youth under age 13 (2D) | Kaelin Kile “Lost Innocense” |
| Youth age 14 + (2D) | Hannah Coursey “Prisoners of Society” |
| Youth age 14 + (3D) | Karisma Bell “Dreams of a New Reality” |
| Adult (2D) | Rebecca Young “Marionette” |
| Adult (3D) | Tracy Dick “Rise Up” |
| Adult (Photography) | Erin Andrews “Untied” |
| People’s Choice | Angie Lund |

One of our newest members, Ilaine Brown, has volunteered to chair the Art Contest committee for 2021.



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.

Blood Donors Needed!

Open Tuesday - Saturday 112 E. 8th Avenue Cheyenne, WY

Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Lions Club, and Zonta International have teamed up with Vitalant to support a safe blood supply in Cheyenne! Come to the center during normal business hours to donate, and let us know who you are there to support with our voting boxes. There will also be t-shirts donors can order if they would like. Appointments appreciated but walk-ins are always welcome. Donate whole blood or platelets and help save up to three lives! Call 307-638-3326 to make an appointment or go online to bloodhero.com today.

United Blood Systems is now Vitalant.

LCCC Scholarship

It was more than 25-30 years ago that Zonta Club of Cheyenne started the Mary Read Rogers scholarship at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) for non-traditional students. Mary Read Rogers was a very active, outspoken Zontian for many years, having established her credentials as a presswoman and civic leader in Cheyenne.

With the assistance of the Wyoming State Legislature's challenge grant program which began in 2004 the LCCC Foundation has been able to match our \$10,000 investment, money raised from our traditional Antique Show. The interest earned from this endowment fund has been awarded as scholarships since 2006.

LCCC announces the scholarship availability, receives the applications, and forwards them to Zonta Club of Cheyenne.



Ilaine Brown

Meet our new Zonta Member



Ilaine Brown was born in the Bronx and raised at the Jersey Shore. She met her husband, Erin, on-line in 1998 through AOL dial-up! Ilaine followed Erin during his military career to California and then to Wyoming. The Brown's decided to stay in Cheyenne to raise their two children, Marshall (18) and Zoey (14). When Ilaine isn't working for the Wyoming Department of Education, she is watching Marshall perform in plays or traveling the country following Zoey and her Tier II Girls' Colorado Select Hockey team. Ilaine is excited to work with Zonta and hopes she can make a difference.

2020 Wyoming State Legislature

I have not included bills related to digital cryptography keys and digital currency as well as criminal justice bills (parole, time for good behavior). If these are of concern for our issues, educate me and I will add them to the list. I have been told that the criminal justice bills are good bills and carefully crafted. The attached list includes bills I intend to follow. Remember that this is a budget session, so if you want to advocate for these bills, the first thing is to ask your legislators to vote for introduction. Non-budget bills require a 2/3 vote for introduction. The session begins Monday, February 10. As soon as the day's bill action and the following day's schedule of votes and committee meetings are available, I will edit the attached spreadsheet and send it out. The bill numbers in the spreadsheet should be live links you can click to read the full bill and find links to amendments, etc.

Ann Erdmann

Bill #	Title	Summary
HB0010	Human trafficking-penalty for subsequent conviction.	AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; providing a penalty for subsequent convictions of human trafficking as specified; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.
HB0024	Medicaid birth costs recovery-amendments.	AN ACT relating to Medicaid; amending the procedures for birth cost collection actions; requiring the disclosure of vital records as specified; and
HB0026	Tribal ID for voting.	AN ACT relating to elections; specifying requirements of a tribal identification card for voter registration; specifying a tribal identification card as an item that may be considered in determining registration qualifications; and providing for an effective date.
HB0028	Firearm regulation.	AN ACT relating to firearms; clarifying the applicability of the preemption of firearms regulation by the state; prohibiting governmental entities from operating firearm buyback programs; conforming language; and providing for an effective date.
HB0048	Voyeurism-amendments.	AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending the elements of the crime of voyeurism; and providing for an effective date.
HB0067	Child marriage restriction.	AN ACT relating to the creation of marriage; increasing the minimum marriageable age; providing an exception for emancipated minors; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.
HB0068	Sex offender-prohibited access to school facilities.	AN ACT relating to regulation of sex offenders; repealing exceptions that allow registered sex offenders to be in, on or near school buildings and grounds under certain specified circumstances; and providing for an effective date.
HB0075	Medicaid expansion-authorization.	AN ACT relating to medicaid; requiring collaboration concerning the expansion of medicaid eligibility; authorizing the expansion of medicaid eligibility as specified; requiring reports and notice as specified; providing a sunset provision; and providing for an effective date.



From the Advocacy Committee:

Virginia Ratifies The Equal Rights Amendment, Decades After The Deadline

January 15, 2020

Virginia became the pivotal 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment after its Senate and House of Delegates voted Wednesday to approve the change to the U.S. Constitution.

The ERA's provisions [include a guarantee](#) that "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 Virginia Senate voted 28-12 and the House of Delegates 59-41 to approve the ERA," NPR's Sarah McCammon reports.

Under the U.S. Constitution, amendments become law when they're ratified by at least three-fourths of U.S. state legislatures — or 38 out of 50. However, the ERA's original deadline for ratification expired in the 1980s, putting its future on uncertain legal ground. That didn't stop backers in Virginia from welcoming a long-awaited day.

Congress approved the ERA in 1972 and set a ratification deadline of 1979, which was later extended to 1982. Indiana became the 35th state to ratify the amendment, in 1977 — leaving it three states shy of the threshold. And there things stalled.

That changed in recent years, as advocates mounted a new push. Nevada ratified the ERA in 2017, and Illinois followed suit a year later.

~from NPR News Bill Chappell



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.

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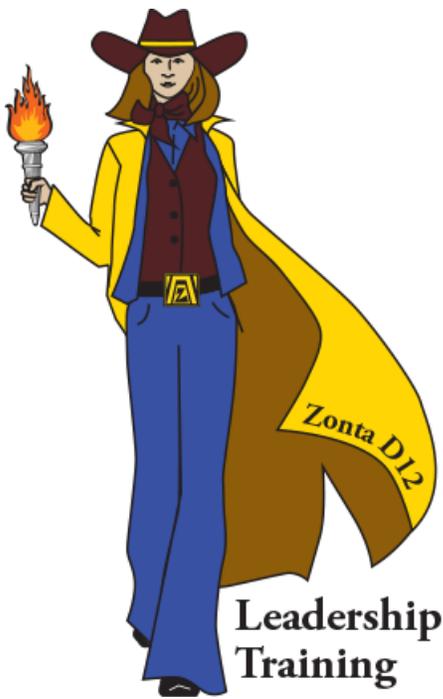
REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR GIFT GRAB BAGS FOR ZONTA'S NIGHT OUT 2020

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
Loofa 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		



On January 9th, Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon announced on Social Media that he has signed a proclamation that declares January as **Human Trafficking** Prevention and Awareness month. Presented to Sheridan Zonta



Hello Zontians!

Leadership Training Classes are underway again this year. Attached is a schedule of the classes that will be held during the January - May 2020 timeframe. These will be live classes utilizing Zoom software. They will also be recorded for future viewing at your convenience.

Please encourage your club members to attend these classes as previous attendees have found them to be most helpful!

These classes are also posted on the Google Calendar on the D12 website. Registration information will be sent to all D12 members closer to each class date.

Sheila Davis
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District 12 Leadership Training Schedule

January - May 2020 CSW/UN

Jan 27 & Jan 29 6p-7p MST Renee Coppock Retention

Feb 3 7:30p-8:30p MST Ann Hodgson

Feb 12 6p-7p MST Ann Hodgson ZI Convention

Feb 17 & Feb 26 6p-7p MST Mary Benoit/Jane May Advocacy

Mar 16 & Mar 25 6p-7p MST Denise Parrish Club President

Apr 6 & Apr 15 6p-7p MST Sheila Davis Club Treasurer

Apr 13 & Apr 22 6p-7p MST Jan Kirch Club Secretary

Apr 20 & Apr 29 6p-7p MST Katie Wienecke ZI Convention

April or May Mary Benoit/Jane

May Delegate Training Emotionally Intelligent

May 4 & May 13 7p-8p MST Marian Lee Leadership for Women

Most classes are on a Monday of one week and a Wednesday of the next week. Classes will be recorded and one recording of each class will be posted on the Zoom Cloud

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A8081ae21-6c69-43e1-bc28-4be8d638a2e0>

Zonta General Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020
6:00 p.m.

President Kristie Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Kristie Wilson, Melissa Martin, Brenda Mathre, Linda Bogart, Ann Eardmann, Jody Gostas, Ilaine Brown, Karen Pacheco, Betty Abernethy, Brenda Mathre, and guests Michelle Huff and Ted Gostas.

January Birthday Celebrations –Ann Erdman, Candice Cathcart

Announcements: Ann invited members to attend the Women’s March on January 18th, Melissa and Linda thanked everyone for coming to their home and Betty thanked the Zonitans for their support as her daughter is going through breast cancer treatment.

For our celebration of Amelia Earhart, Betty brought pictures of Amelia that were attached to Amelia’s press releases. Michelle spoke about her experience as a C130 airline mechanic. The members discussed the possibility of reviewing the Amelia Earhart scholarship fund and support future aviators. Karen will bring it up at the Zappy Hour where committees will be addressed.

Kristie reported on ZNO. Becki needs donations for bag, Kristie will send out the list of what she needs. Betty is collecting wine for the fundraiser, contact her to drop off your donation. Denise is working on the speaker. Michelle highlighted the speaker she heard at the event where the Governor’s Proclamation was signed against Human Trafficking today. Ilane and Michelle suggested we look at focusing on focusing on the indigenous individuals for the next ZNO.

The membership committee is doing well and several applications are being submitted.

Kathy updated the website, check it out. Brenda asked that people send in their newsletter articles as soon as possible as it will be a full edition.

Brenda contacted each of the three junior high schools - Johnson will make bags for us but need materials. Give your Cotton fabric to Brenda to get to Johnson within the next two weeks. Linda reported three boxes will be located at business to collect items for the hope bags from the public.

Ann reported she will send out information about key bills. If there is a bill you would like her to keep an eye on, let her know.

Michelle talked about the Community wide Blood Drive to be held in February, sponsored by Kiwanis, Zonta, Lions Club, and Rotary. Each club will featured in the newspaper and on Channel 5 (Kristie will represent our club on February 10, contact her if you would like to join her). People will be invited to give blood and vote for your favorite organization. T-Shirts will also be available. Michelle invited people to take a selfie of giving blood to celebrate and advertise the event. Karen will create the FaceBook event. Zontians were invited to the final planning meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15 at Uncle Charlies.

Upcoming Events

January 16, 2020 – Guided Painting Zappy Hour 6 p.m. - Flydragon

January 23, 2020 – Denise Parrish retirement party 3:30 – 7 at the Elks RSVP 1/16

February 2020- Blood Drive Challenge

Kristie adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Melissa Martin
Secretary

Upcoming Events:

February 6,2020 Board Meeting 5:30 Align 1401 Airport Parkway #300

February 13, 2020 General Meeting Windflower room at the Laramie County Library System from 11:30-1:30 Everyone can bring their lunch or purchase it at the little coffee shop prior to the meeting

Zappy Hour TBD

Feb 2020 Blood Drive Challenge !!

March 6, 2020 Zonta's Night Out

February is International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

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



Zonta Foundation :

Kathy Cathcart (Ch)

Connie Sloan Cathcart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Misti Fisher (Tres)

Kristie Wilson (Pres)

Rebecca Reid 02/01

Nancy Freudenthal 02/05

Christina Blooding 02/06

Robin Kus 02/26

