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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As President of this amazing club for the past 2-year term, I have so many reasons to express my heart-felt thanks to the other officers, members and our many friends of the club. We have accomplished so much together in advancing the status of women through service and advocacy these past years that have flown by much too quickly.

But my term as president started long before two years ago, as I assumed the term of the president before me. I came into my position on the Board with not much experience and I have so many of you on whom I relied heavily to guide me through that I would like to recognize.

A huge thank you to Kathy Cathcart who pretty much held my hand every step of my presidency with me. To Denise Parrish who mentored me on all the hard (and not so fun) stuff and worked with me on the last update of our Bylaws. To Jody Gostas who stuck with me through thick and thin on the Human Trafficking Art Contest and anything else I asked her to do. Betty Abernethy, who took me under her wing when I first became a member to show me the ins and outs of the club to begin with. Mary Walker for being my 16 Days of Activism champion as well as my early-morning Channel 5 buddy. To my good friend Linda Bogart who helped inform



Kristie Wilson
 President

me with everything historic about the club. And to my dear, long-time friend Melissa Martin who graciously took the role as my personal voice of reason, my sounding board, and my "therapist" who at

times had to talk me off the proverbial ledge whenever I needed her – she was there. I appreciate you all.

Most importantly, to ALL the Cheyenne Zontians, THANK YOU for your never-ending commitment to being members. Without you, there would be no one to do the good works in our community that so desperately need to be done. You all did it and continue to do so. I am humbled and thank you for letting me be at the helm during all your accomplishments.

To Denise and her incoming Board, I wish you all the best in your term ahead. I am so excited to go forward with such a dynamic group of women leading our group. I know with you, we will accomplish great things!

I remain, as always, your faithful servant and now outgoing president,

Kristie Wilson



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"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream another dream."

-C.S. Lewis



Zonta Club of Cheyenne – General Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference Call
Cyberspace during Pandemic Stay-Home Orders
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Kristie called the meeting to order at Noon through the Zoom platform and reviewed a few housekeeping rules about using this electronic format.

Members present: Belinda Sawyer, Karen Pacheco, Betty Abernethy, Denise Parrish, Melissa Martin, Kristie Wilson, Cindy Wertz, Ilaine Brown, Mary Walker, JoAnn Russ, Kathy Orr, Ann Erdmann, Christina Blooding, Linda Bogart, Jody Gostas, Donna Angel, Kathy Cathcart, Michelle Aldrich, Kathy Scigliano, Brenda Mathre, Carla Thurin, Audra Johnson, Bev Ambrose and Jennica Fournier. Guest: Deedee Boysen, Governor District 12.

The nominating committee consisting of Ann Secret, Jody Gostas and Dasa Robertson presented their submission of the following nominees:

2020 Election of Zonta officers:

President: Denise Parrish
Vice President: Michelle Aldrich
Secretary: Belinda Sawyer
Treasurer: Kathy Cathcart
Board Member: Ilaine Brown
Board Member: Betty Abernethy
Continuing Board Members are Audra Johnson, Brenda Mathre, and Becki Reid

Nominations for the Zonta Foundation Board:

Chair: Kristie Wilson
Vice Chair: Linda Bogart
Secretary: Denise Parrish
Treasurer: Melissa Martin
Member At Large: Donna Angel

Nominating Committee 2021:

Dasa Robertson
Ann Erdmann
Mary Walker

Motion to accept the slate of officers was made by Kathy Orr and seconded by Ann Erdman, Motion Passed unanimously.

Kristie introduced guest Deedee Boysen, District 12 Governor.

Deedee invited everyone to attend the Area meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2020 and the Virtual Cocktail Party – hosted by Andrea Hobe on Friday, April 24. Check your email for more information.

There is also a How to Zoom meeting on Thursday April 16, 6 – 7 p.m.

The International Conference has been canceled, if you were intending to go, check on how to get your payment refunded.

Jennica asked for clarification of the due dates for scholarships – Deedee will follow up and get back to Kristie.

Kathy Cathcart presented the treasurer's report (it was also published in the Zephyr). Kathy encouraged people to send in their membership dues.

Betty Abernethy reported on behalf of the Membership Committee. The new member meeting was cancelled, and participants have been contacted. Mary Walker, Jody Gostas and Linda Bogart called all members about today's meeting.

and cards are being mailed out to members regarding membership applications, about Zonta functions and how to donate to the hope bags. Linda is working on creating a volunteer list for hope bags.

Zappy Hour will be held through Zoom – stay tuned for more information.

Kathy Cathcart invited Kathy said to please “heart” and share our information on FaceBook. If you want anything posted on the Cheyenne Zonta site, forward information to Denise, Karen, Kristie or Kathy S who can post under our club name. Nothing political, religious, or sensitive.

Jody reported that our website needs to be updated. Denise is also looking into cleaning up old items on our webpage. It was also suggested that we explore Instagram.

Denise presented the preliminary results of ZNO, see attached. The speaker was well received. We are pleased we didn’t have to cancel the meeting, as so many agencies had to cancel due to the quarantine. The wine grab was a good back up for the vendor/raffle tickets. Denise thanked all the chairs for pulling off the event so beautifully. Michelle asked if this fundraiser needs to be built upon or changed, as fundraisers have a lifecycle.

Denise and Jody reported about a new ZI campaign about child marriage billboards and social media. Check out the website for more information - <https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/News-Feed/News-Detail/zonta-partners-with-unicef-usa-for-ending-child-marriage-public-service-announcement-campaign-in-the-us>

Ann reported about “Dear Colleague” letters regarding Maternal/Child Health & Nutrition. The deadline of April 10 was extended, check out the attached information that was emailed to members.

Denise reminded members to support women-owned business during these difficult times, there are small business loans out there for business.

Jennica reported that Kiley Shelhof from East High School received the Scholarship for Young Women of Public Affairs. Jennica will invite her to a future meeting.

It was noted that the number of domestic violence incidences has gone up. We may want to shift our funds to support efforts centered on dealing with domestic violence. Kathy C. stated we should revisit our “Big Idea” funding model since there are not any movement to obtain an intern for research of agency gaps in our county. Jennica said we will have another funding meeting in June – be on the look out for when this will happen.

Carla Thurin stated that SafeHouse is still working with clients by appointment. Housing for clients are challenging and the food budget has been maxed out. Jails are trying not to bring people in (that may have the virus) so domestic violence offenders are being ticketed and let go. With people being at home, Safehouse is expecting a wave of issues to arise.

Betty and Brenda have been making masks – let them know if you need one.

April Zappy Hour – Thursday, April 16, watch for the Zoom link to emailed to you.

District 12 Area - Saturday, April 25, 2020

Board Meeting – via ZOOM - Thursday, May 7, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

General Meeting – hopefully in PERSON but if not ZOOM – Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Kristie adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.]



Kudos for a job well done!

Kylie Schelhaas is this year's recipient of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award



Kylie Schelhaas has been serving her community from the age of 9 years old when she brought the first (of several) fundraising ideas to her elementary school. The Rotary motto, "service above self," proved to become a mantra for Kylie as her love for service grew throughout the years.

She began shooting at the age of 12 and fell in love with not only the sport, but also the people. Currently, Kylie teaches beginner shooting sports classes and is the team captain of the Wyoming X-Caliber competition shooting team.

Although serving and shooting are two very large parts to Kylie's life, she still pursues other extracurriculars such as: Marching/Jazz/Concert Band, 4-H, FFA, American Legion Post 6, A Capella club, G-Team, Congressional Medal Program, Interact Club, Safe School Ambassadors, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and additionally, serves on the hospitality team at church and sings.

Kylie has attended both YRYLA and RYLA leadership camps, as well as, leadership academies through 4H. She has held Officer positions of: President, Secretary, and Recreation Leader in her 4-H club; President and Secretary of the East High Interact Club; Vice President for the Greenhand group in the Frontier FFA; and low brass Section Leader for the East High Band.

Throughout all these activities, Kylie has maintained a cumulative 4.0 GPA and kept a positive attitude. This scholarship award will go into Kylie's college fund, as she hopes to attend college on an NCAA rifle scholarship. She plans on studying Life Sciences and Education to become a high school Science teacher, carrying on her love of helping others and being active in her community.

Kathy, Brenda and Betty have been working diligently to make facemasks for those in need. Combined they have made over 600 masks! **Candice Griess** picked up the masks and delivered them. Well done, ladies!

Thank you to **Rachel Leger** and **Audra Gagnon** of the Prairie Rose flower shop for their beautiful tulip center pieces that were displayed during this year's Zonta Night Out.

Karen Pacheco was quoted in a great article about travel during the COVID19 pandemic that was published in the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. Great advice during these crazy times!

Pam Pafford was named Coldwell Banker's Realtor of the Week during the week of April 12. Congratulations to a job well done!



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ZONTA OF CHEYENNE FOUNDATION MAKES DONATION TO THE GREATER CHEYENNE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND; CHALLENGES OTHERS TO ALSO DONATE

CHEYENNE, WYOMING – The Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation is donating \$4,000 to assist residents of the Cheyenne community who are struggling financially due to Covid-19. The donation was made this week to the Greater Cheyenne Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund – an emergency fund established by Forward Greater Cheyenne and the City of Cheyenne. This fund will provide assistance to those in the community with an urgent financial need during this unforeseen and difficult time of dealing with coronavirus.

Zonta chose the Greater Cheyenne emergency fund because it will allow for the distribution of funds for a variety of urgent needs, ranging from buying groceries to paying for prescription costs to providing money for gasoline. Additionally, the distribution of the funds based on an established application process where applicants' needs are verified. This process provides an assurance that the funds will be used for their intended purpose and will be spread as widely as possible across the community.

“Some of those struggling now – especially many of the small business owners – have been generous supports of Zonta in the past. Others just need a bit of a hand-up to find their footing in these unprecedented times,” said Kathy Cathcart, President of the Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation. “As an organization dedicated to helping women improve their lives and achieve their full potential, it is difficult to see so many women and families struggling due to the impact of Covid-19. We could not sit by without helping.”

Zonta challenges other individuals, businesses, and especially service organizations to also donate to the emergency fund. “These are our friends and neighbors,” Cathcart continued. “We will get through this if we remember that to help our community survive and come out the other side of this crisis, each of us needs to help to the extent we can.”

Treasurer's Report May 2020

Date: 03/31/2020						
Type	Date	Number	Name	Cleared	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						\$ 8,447.52
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	2/20/2020	4459	Trophy Creative	03/04/20	\$ (22.00)	\$ (22.00)
Check	2/20/2020	4460	usps	03/06/20	\$ (92.00)	\$ (92.00)
Check	2/20/2020	4458	JubJub	03/09/20	\$ (90.00)	\$ (90.00)
Check	3/9/2020	4461	Jennica	3/23/2020	\$ (108.57)	\$ (108.57)
Check	2/13/2020	4456	dues D12	03/27/20	\$ (90.00)	\$ (90.00)
						\$ -
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Total Checks and Payments					\$ (402.57)	\$ 8,044.95
Deposits and Credits						
						\$ -
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Total Deposits and Credits					\$ -	
Total Cleared Transactions					\$ (402.57)	\$ (402.57)
Cleared Balance						\$ 8,044.95
Register Balance						\$ 8,044.95
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	2/13/2020	4457	dues ZI		\$ (248.00)	\$ (248.00)
Total Checks and Payments					\$ -	\$ (248.00)
Deposits and Credits						
Deposit	3/4/2020				\$ 678.00	\$ 678.00
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ 678.00	\$ 678.00
Ending Balance						\$ 8,474.95

Membership Committee Report (March and April 2020)

The committee has been reactivated since ZNO now that Betty Abernethy has stepped back into the Chair position. At the Zonta Painting Night in January names were gathered of those who might be interested in joining Zonta with plans to recontact them when we have our post-ZNO reception.

Zontian Karen Pacheco spoke about Zonta, brochures were given out and a sign in sheet was used for followup. All those expressing interest in membership at the Painting Night and ZNO have been contacted with a post card saying we'll be in touch later. Recontact plans are being revamped because of COVID-19. Zappy Hour for new members' "orientation" has restarted with emphasis as much on social bonding as on the structure, mission of Zonta.

Dr Michelle has started a sunshine subcommittee to acknowledge birthdays, successes, etc. via calls and cards. In addition there's been discussion of calling members to remind them of the meeting time and place. Regular membership committee meetings will be held the first Monday of the month.

GREETINGS FROM



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***iNew Members
Wanted!***

We Don't Give Up!

Sorry we had to cancel our New Member get together back in March.

We will reschedule as soon as it will be possible and we will keep you updated.

Thanks you for your understanding.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook & visit our website at cheyennezonta.org

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Ann Secrest – Chair

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Committee Chairs

Advocacy: Denise Parrish

Communication: Karen Pacheco

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership: Betty Abernethy

Service:



Denise Parrish 05/20

Mary Walker 05/22

Melissa Martin 05/28

Zonta Foundation :

Kathy Cathcart (Ch)

Connie Sloan Cathcart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Misti Fisher (Tres)

Kristie Wilson (Pres)

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 7: Board meeting via ZOOM at 5:30pm.

Thursday, May 14: General meeting. Location TBD!

Wednesday, May 20 : Zappy Hour via ZOOM at 5:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88489262133?pwd=d1ZSb3RCNGRLZzE4U1I4RnU0MWRvZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 8926 2133

Password: 852772

