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# Message from the President

As I sit here thinking about the current events of the world and deaths of some dear to me, the importance of *making our actions count* has become increasingly clear to me. Our time in this world is finite, but we have an opportunity for the impact of our actions to live on. It just requires us to be selective and deliberate in our decisions.

We will be holding our Club's annual planning meeting in June where we will collectively decide on the primary projects upon which we will spend our time and money for the next year. As you consider and ponder the various matters and causes where we might direct our focus, please think about the impact you want our actions to have.

Will the impact be immediate but short lived or will the action taken have a longer-term impact even if its immediacy is more diluted? Do we want to continue to raise awareness about specific items or is it time to take the next step to effectuate changes to the law, to societal attitudes, or to the treatment of victims and perpetrators themselves? How do we best empower women, allowing them to achieve their full potential while making sure that no woman lives in fear of violence.

We will not all initially agree. We will bring with us different life experiences, concerns, interests and passions. Our hearts and minds will be pulled in many directions. Our hearts will tell us we must do as much as possible while being reminded by those who have been at this awhile that 80% of the work is traditionally done by 20% of the members of any group. We will come to a decision, and inevitably some will be more satisfied than others.

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At that point, I can only hope that we will all throw ourselves into the projects that have been chosen. I hope we will be open to learning about new issues and making our actions count. I hope you will find your passion to improve the lives of women growing exponentially.

If my personal experiences are indicative of what you will experience, in a circular fashion, your passion will drive your actions and the impact of your actions will increase your passion. You will feel a warmth and satisfaction that can only come from the impact we have on the lives of others.

As your new incoming president, I hope that I can help offer some suggestions for your consideration and help guide the implementation of decisions we will make collectively. I want to help focus our work to have impact and meaning. However, it is <u>our</u> work, <u>our</u> impact, <u>our</u> passion. Working together, we can make a difference.

- Denise Parrish



"If you want something said, ask a man; If you want something done, ask a woman."

-Margaret Thatcher

# **Meeting Minutes**



Zonta Club of Cheyenne – General Meeting Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Zoom Conference Call Cyberspace during Pandemic Stay-Home Orders Cheyenne, WY 82001

Kristie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. through the Zoom platform. 29 people

Members present: Kristie Wilson, Ann Erdmann, Michelle Aldrich, JoAnn Russ, Brenda Mathre, Cindy Wertz, Donna Angel, Mary Walker, Jody Gostas, Rebecca Reid, Belinda Sawyer, Linda Bogart, Ilaine Brown, Jennica Fournier, Karen Pacheco, Kathy Cathcart, Pam Pafford, Dasa Roberts, Audra Gagnon, Rachel Leger, Bev Ambrose, Denise Parrish, Kathy Starr, Michelle Huff, Connie Cathcart, Betty Abernathy, Melissa Martin, Kathy Scigliano, and guest Kylie Schelhaas.

Jennica reported our Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship winner, Kylie Schelhaas. Kylie is a Junior at East High School is looking to obtain a rifle shooting scholarship and attend college to earn an education degree to teach biology/life science. Review her biography in the May Zypher.

Zonta International Nominating committee - Deedee Boysen, Renee Copeck, Carrie Outley Jody will send a note on behalf of our club congratulating them.

Jennica announced the club will be invited to participate in our funding model planning session. Look for an announcement of the date to be emailed soon. Kristie reported that the Zonta Foundation made a donation of \$4000 Greater Cheyenne COVID Relief Fund. The club may want to consider this and other options at this time.

Kristie inducted the following:

New Members: Ilaine Brown, Kathy Starr, Michelle Huff, Belinda Sawyer, Pam Pafford, and Kathy Scigliano.

Officers for 2020-2021: President ~ Denise Parrish Vice-President ~ Dr. Michelle Aldrich Secretary ~ Belinda Sawyer Treasurer ~ Kathy Cathcart And Board of Directors: Brenda Mathre, Rebecca Reid, Ilaine Brown, Audra Gagnon, and Betty Abernethy

Nominating Committee 2021: Dasa Robertson ~ Chair Ann Erdmann and Mary Walker

Kathy installed the Foundation members: Kristie Wilson, Linda Bogart, Denise Parrish, Melissa Martin and Donna Angel.

Kriste presented the Zontian of the Year to Betty Abernethy for her service to many aspects of the club, including sewing hope bags, ZNO, meeting attendance, scholarship committee, membership committee and many others!

Kristie adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Martin, Secretary

# **New Member Spotlight**

## Home is Where It All Begins!

Introducing Capital Real Estate Partners, or as we call them the Realty Royalty...new members Belinda Sawyer, Kathy Scigliano, Pam Pafford. (Whether you are looking to buy or sell, these gals can do the work for you. Networking is what we're about!)



Belinda Sawyer joined Zonta in December 2019. She has a western background having grown up in Montana and guiding horseback rides for her family's outfitting business. Now in Cheyenne and she loves spending time with her family and traveling the world with her husband. Belinda has really jumped into Zonta with gusto being our new Club Secretary. Celebrate this with a G&T!

You will recognize Kathy Scigliano immediately from her picture in a fitness bikini competition! (Kathy has 2 of these competitions under her belt.) She and her husband moved here from Las Vegas for his work in the oilfields.





Introducing CFD Dandy Pam Pafford! Maybe the professional image has changed but Pam still has the dandy of a smile. She is the mother of 3 active kids who keep her busy with their sports...and skateboards!



These three women are bringing fun and pizazz\* to Zonta as well as a determination to improve the status of women worldwide.

\*definition: energy, vitality, vigor; attractive style, dash, flair. Exactly.





# **Treasurer's Report May 2020**

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# Announcements

#### Message from Kathy Cathcart and Kristie Wilson:

#### Do you have Zonta material you'd like to save in a storage unit?

We are going back into the office next week. Kristie and I would be happy to take whatever you have. The plan is to amass it all at Align in our open storage room, go through it, then see how big of a storage area we need. This keeps us from getting one too small or too large AND keeping duplicates of items or no longer needed items. Give either of us a call next week to make sure we're in the office and we'll meet you at your car and haul in whatever you have.

# Kudos!

To Dr. Michelle Aldrich for running for City Council Ward 3. We know you will do great things!



Melissa Martin's Drive By Birthday Parade! Sweet!

#### Thank You Message from Betty Abernethy:

1. Thank you Kristie Wilson for the honor of "Zontian of the Year". I am honored and humbled by this opportunity. I will try to continue my efforts to support our club and it's mission. Thank you to the whole club for your support. Betty

2. The Membership committee will meet Monday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting on zoom and the link has been sent to the committee members. If anyone would like to join, please email me and I will forward the link.

Betty Abernethy - Membership Chair.

# New Officer Spotlight

My name is Audra Gagnon and I am excited to be a part of the Board! I have been a Zontian for a few years now and believe wholeheartedly in our organization.

We are an eclectic group of marvelous women

that have so much to offer our community. Being on the Board will give me even more opportunity to meet with, and learn from, these amazing women. I look forward to being more involved and serving our Zontians and doing my part for the people we serve. Thank you for this great opportunity!



Hi! I am Dr. Michelle Aldrich and I will be serving as your President Elect this biennium. I originally got involved in Zonta as a sponsor for the Triumph Z Club. A former Zonta President, Corey Meyer and Lyn Weidel asked me to start a Triumph Club and we did! I was the advisor of that club through last year.



Two years ago I decided I should join

since I attended meetings with students each month at the noon meetings. What were a few more night meetings a year? When I joined a former board member was in the process of moving and I was asked to finish our her term on the Board. I have just finished that term. I love Zonta and the important work that it does in Cheyenne and around the world. I am looking forward to a great biennium!

## 2020 Club Officers And Board

**President:** Denise Parrish denisewyo@aol.com

Vice President: Michelle Aldrich Michelle.aldrich@wyo.gov

Secretary: Belinda Sawyer

Belinda@propertyex.com

Treasurer: Kathy Cathcart kcathcart@TheAlignTeam.org

### **Board Directors:**

Brenda Mathre

Ilaine Brown

Betty Abernethy

Rebecca Reid

Audra Johnson

Nominating Committee

Dasa Roberston

Ann Erdmann

Mary Walker

### **Committee Chairs**

Advocacy: Denise Parrish Communication: Karen Pacheco Finance: Kathy Cathcart Membership: Betty Abernethy Service:



## *Kathy Orr* 06/26

## Zonta Foundation:

Kristie Wilson (Ch)

Linda Bogart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Melissa Martin (Tres)

Donna Angel (Member at Large)

# **Upcoming Events:**

Monday, June 1 @ 5:30pm: Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, June 4 @ 5:30pm: Board Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, June 11 @ 12:00pm: Member Meeting via Zoom

June TBD: Annual Fund Allocation and Activity Planning Meeting

## We would love to see your pictures!

It would be great to see all of our fabulous members doing things with their families, at work and in support of Zonta and the community. If you have pictures you'd like to share, please send to Michelle Huff at mnrc130@yahoo.com. Thank you!

