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Message from the President

"Our hopes for a more just, safe, and peaceful world can only be achieved when there is universal respect for the inherent dignity and equal rights of all members of the human family."

-Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women

December 10th is *Human Rights* Day. It is observed around the world to commemorate the day in 1948 when the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly. This declaration sets out a broad range of fundamental rights and freedoms to which each of us – everyone, everywhere – is entitled.

It is an aspirational, but not binding document setting forth basic human rights. To say that it is a universal document is an understatement given that it has set the world record for most translated document. It has now been translated into 524 languages! Wow – who can even imagine that many languages in the world?

While this declaration is too long to repeat here, I hope you get a flavor for its importance through the opening of the preamble, wherein it states, "...recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world..." It then goes on to delineate basic human rights — rights that we believe each person in the world should be afforded, regardless of

race, gender, religion, language, political affiliation, nationality, or social status.

As Zontians, we work to make the aspiration of these basic rights a reality. Whether it is the need to change societal norms or legal standards and statutes, our work is to ensure that <u>all</u> humans – including women -- have basic rights to live safely, be paid fairly for the work they do, have a right to basic education, be granted the opportunity to vote and participate in public service, and so much more.

While Zonta's work is global, we have not yet achieved the enactment of these basic rights in our own country. The equal rights amendment has not yet become part of the constitution. There is still a huge gender wage gap – especially in Wyoming. Domestic violence continues to be a dirty little secret behind the closed doors of our community. You get the idea of the work still to be done.

Peace on earth, goodwill to men is how we learned our holiday greeting. Yet, we will likely never achieve a full measure of peace and goodwill on earth until we attain human rights for all. That is why we observe Human Rights Day.



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"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace."

- Amelia Earhart



Announcements



Above, A quick photo op at the Zonta Club of Cheyenne storage unit. Kristie and Karen are looking good (and safe) in their masks! Below, we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for the Silent Witness Procession in downtown Cheyenne.







Save the Date: #WearBlueDay 2021

National Human Trafficking Awareness
Day and #WearBlueDay are observed each
year on January 11th. Learn more about
#WearBlueDay, Blue Campaign's annual
initiative to raise awareness of human
trafficking, by visiting the Campaign's
website. We invite you to start planning how
you will participate and encourage your
friends, family, and colleagues to do the
same.

SAVE THE DATE

#WearBlueDay January 11

BLUE CAMPAIGN

Follow @DHSBlueCampaign on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> for more updates as we near January 2021, and don't forget to use #WearBlueDay on your social media posts!

Thank you to all who participated in the Eileen's Cookie Fundraiser. This is an easy and yummy way to raise money for our work to build awareness around human trafficking and domestic violence. For our November sale, our club raised more than \$700! Stay tuned for additional sales January 2021.

Kathy Orr and Melissa Martin

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Announcements

Thank You Letter from Scholarship Recipient

October 14, 2020

Zonta Club of Cheyenne Laramie County Community College Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007

Dear Zonta Club of Cheyenne,

I am writing to thank you for your generous Zonta Club scholarship. I was extremely happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I am a Nursing major as well as a Health Science major. I plan to begin my career as a registered nurse in Wyoming upon my graduation in the fall of 2021. Ultimately my goal is to become a labor and delivery nurse, assisting in the delivery and care for all the new life brought into the world. Thanks to you and your generosity, I am one step closer to that goal.

In addition to being a nursing student, I am a wife, mother, and step mother to my husband and 5 children. The role of a wife and mother comes with its own challenges. By awarding me the Zonta Club scholarship, you have lightened my family's financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Additionally, I am able to provide the best version of myself to my family by lifting the financial burden that comes with seeking higher education. Your generosity inspires me to help others and give back to the community as I am able. I hope one day to be in a position to help students achieve their goals, just as you have helped me.

I do not take this generous scholarship award lightly and will be forever grateful for your help in bettering the life of myself, my family, and hopefully one day the community.

Sincerely, Briana M. Moyte 1880 Pershing Pointe Drive Apt 107 Cheyenne, WY 82001

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Meeting Minutes Summary

Denise called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. through the Zoom platform.

22 people

Members present: Denise Parrish, Michelle Aldrich, Kathy Cathcart, Belinda Sawyer, Betty Abernethy, Illain Brown, Karen Pacheco, Linda Bogart, Kathy Orr, Brenda Mathre, Ann Erdmann, Kathy Starr, Jody Gostas, Dasa Robertson, Pam Pafford, Michelle Huff, Audra Gagnon, Melissa Martin, Becky Reid, Beverly Ambrose, Cindy Wertz, Connie Cathcart

Karen Pacheco gave a presentation about Zonta International Foundation for Women.

Every Member Every November

Every Zontian is encouraged to make a donation to the Foundation, as your circumstances allow https://www.zonta.org/Web/Your Support/The Foundation.aspx?hkey=50e935c8-c042-4730-8936-805b870715a3

You can drop off the change from your bank at Denise's, Denise will pick up your change, you send a check to ZI, or you can use the link above

Update on 16 Days of Activism Plans

Video Meeting for Governor Gordon's Proclamation – November 16^{th} , 9-9:00 a.m.

Silent Witness March - Meet at 9:30 a.m. on November 21st at the Supreme Court Building

Contact Mary Walker if you can assist with taking down the Silhouettes on December 10th

Eileen's Cookie Sales

Orders and money were turned into Melissa Martin. The final amount made will be finalized and reported at our next meeting.

- Rebecca Reid gave details on the Glow in the Dark Fundraiser for Laramie County Grief Support Group. Zonta has agreed to have an information table a volunteer is still needed to organize this and mand the table.
- Advocacy Committee is working on identifying a project(s) to embrace working on the prevention of domestic violence / violence against women. The next meeting is November 17^{th,} Zoom 6 p.m.
- Illaine Brown gave an update on the Art Contest. She has been in contact with on online Exhibiting company that we could possibly use for showcasing the entries. More details to come.



Treasurer's Report December 2020

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Audra Johnson

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Mary Walker

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Communication: Brenda Mathre

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership: Betty Abernethy

Service: Audra Gagnon

Zonta International Foundation for Women

Ambassador: Karen Pacheco Club Historian: Linda Bogart



Belinda Kolb 12/7

Bev Ambrose 12/7

Línda Bogart 12/12

Connie Sloan-Cathcart 12/30

Zonta Foundation:

Kristie Wilson (Ch)

Linda Bogart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Melissa Martin (Tres)

Donna Angel (Member at Large)

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 3: Board Meeting, Zoom @ 5:30pm **Thursday, December 10:** Remove Silhouettes @ 10am **Thursday, December 10:** Club Meeting, Zoom @ 12pm

Friday, December 18: Virtual Happy Hour! @ 5:30pm

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!

