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Message from the President

Whatever we are doing and whatever we have become seems to be resonating with the Cheyenne community.

For many, many years the Zonta Club of Cheyenne annual fundraiser was an antique show. The antique show was such an ingrained part of the Club's identity, Zontians in Cheyenne were known as the *antique show ladies*. I joined Zonta at the tail end of this era.

Shortly after I joined, the Club – with much upheaval and gnashing of teeth – gave up the antique show and began focusing on Zonta Night Out as its fundraiser. This much controverted change turned out to be metamorphic. It wasn't whether we did an antique show or a night of dinner and shopping that mattered. It was simply that the chaos of the change in the fundraising event provided us the opportunity and freedom to reinvent ourselves.

Members who were new to the Club put their passion into action. Newer and less seasoned members became energized carrying the banner of Zonta's mission forward in new ways. We became much more hands-on, taking the lead in the community on issues no one else thought were problems. Human Trafficking in Cheyenne. What???? That doesn't exist here! Really? Child marriage. You must be kidding that kids age 14 have married in Wyoming – no way! Equal rights for women. What do you mean that is not constitutionally guaranteed?

We are the antique show ladies no more. We are now considered experts to call upon when information is needed about human trafficking. We are the people to turn to when a public service announcement is needed to warn people about the atrocities of trafficking and interpersonal violence that come along with the fun of Cheyenne Frontier Days. We are the group that wants to enter into discussions with the community about issues.

While we still have a bit of a name recognition problem, we must be doing something right. Five new members have asked to join our ranks so far this year (with thanks to Betty and the Membership Committee). What new passions and ideas and calls to action will they bring? I can't wait to find out.



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"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Announcements

2021 ZONTA AREA 2 VIRTUAL MEETING

The Area 2 meeting is right around the corner. The Zonta Clubs of Cheyenne, Converse County, Laramie, Colorado North Forty, Greeley, and Fort Collins are all part of Area 2, District 12. This year's meeting is hosted by the Zonta Club of Fort Collins. So, plan on attending (virtually) in order to meet and share ideas with our neighboring clubs. There will a (virtual) social event on Friday, April 16th from 6 to 7 p.m. The meeting itself will be Saturday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Keynote Speaker will be Natalie Phillips. She loves helping individuals and businesses connect and develop their brand, communicate their brand across social media platforms, create and run events, and bring awareness to ways companies can build in social impact into their business models.

You can register at <u>ZONTA AREA 2 REGISTRATION</u> The meeting itself is free although there is an opportunity to voluntarily donate to the District 12 Scholarship fund at https://www.facebook.com/donate/272139594361254/? fundraiser source=external url



THU, MAY 20 AT 3 PM MDT

Community Pint Night

Black Tooth Brewery - Cheyenne

- Black Tooth Brewery Cheyenne
 520 W 19th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001 · 1.3 mi
- Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 3 PM MDT 8 PM MDT
- Price: Free · Duration: 5 hr

Awareness Wednesday, April

Wednesday, April 21, the Zonta Club of Cheyenne will sponsor Carol Pascal as a part of their "Awareness Wednesdays" events. The free event will be hosted through Zoom on Wednesday, April 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

A Cheyenne native, Carol will bring her expertise from her more than 40 years for working with nonprofit organizations in the fields of health, education, arts, social services and civic and cultural affairs. Her talk will focus on how different groups of women and children in the immigrant community have different issues in the areas of housing and other basic needs, employment, legal assistance, domestic violence, U.S. born children, DACA participants, documented workers, and more. Her work in Texas resulted in more than \$140 million in grants benefiting nonprofit organizations.

Participants are welcome to join the Zoom meeting at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84203987330? pwd=MzB2dWZOdVA0NjRrbjJXMHZvbUoyUT09

Meeting ID: 842 0398 7330

Passcode: 695124

For more information, email Zonta Club of Cheyenne at <u>info@cheyennezonta.org</u> or call 307-509-0473.

The AAUW (American Association of University Women) advocacy site is a great resource that addresses equity issues. They also offer a 7-module free salary negotiation course for women (also worthy for guys) at https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/salary/



A Big Thank You to Ann Erdmann

We owe a debt of gratitude to Ann Erdmann for the work she has done this legislative session keeping an eye on bills as they proceed (or die) in the legislature. It is a tedious task to track these bills on a daily basis and then to let the rest of us know their status.

Thank you, Ann!!

Free Victim Advocate
Workshop

Join us for a full day of learning more about serving victims of exploitation

Session 1: Understanding the Culture of Sex Trafficking In this session, attendees will learn the common terminology and cultural components found in domestic sex trafficking operations. Attendees will explore the main trafficker typologies, common circuits through the region, and how demand forms these circuits.

Session 2: Victim Identification

Throughout this session, attendees will apply information from session one to assess and identify suspected victims through a variety of settings including community outreach, medical facilities, law enforcement operations, direct service delivery, and through the Internet and social media. Attendees will also evaluate intersecting identities and vulnerabilities, and barriers for these populations to identify and access services. During the second half of this session, open discussion will be facilitated to better understand existing screening protocols at various agencies, and next steps for implementing or improving screening procedures.

9AM - 5PM / WED 28 APRIL

White Mountain Library 2935 Sweetwater Dr., Rock Springs, WY

Session 3: Intervention Using Cultic Theory

Building from sessions one and two, this session will unpack the step-by-step process for interventions. Attendees will review the physical, emotional, financial and psychological force, fraud and coercion and recommended emerging practices for intervening appropriately. Additionally, attendees will learn about the Stages of Change model and how it applies to the exit and recovery process.

Session 4: Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered, and Survivor Informed Best Practices

In this closing session, attendees will review the frameworks for trauma-informed, victim-centered, and survivor-informed best practices, and key considerations in how these apply to outreach and intervention efforts.





OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL THE WORLD... TO A ZONTA MEETING

Love to travel? Interested in the International Aspects of Zonta? Ready to meet Zontians from around the world? You will have some great opportunities in the next few years, so get ready.

The 2022 Zonta International Convention is scheduled to be held June 25-29 in Hamburg, Germany. The convention is an opportunity to learn more about the international work of Zonta, and to meet thousands of Zontians from far-flung countries around the globe. What a fantastic opportunity. While most of our Club members have not been to an international convention, there are plenty of active members who have, so be sure to ask them about some of their adventures. Let's get excited!

Okay, so it might take you more than the next year to fill your piggy bank to be ready for travel to an international convention. Not to worry if Germany isn't your cup-of-tea (or should I say, glass of beer). The 2024 International Convention is set to be held in Brisbane, Australia. Different part of the world but the same great opportunity to meet Zontians, and learn the true meaning of being part of a global organization.

Not yet ready to wander the world for a Zonta meeting – but still looking for an adventure. The 2023 North American Inter-District Meeting (NAIDM) might be the right conference for you. It is scheduled to be held in Anchorage, Alaska in June, 2023! The NAIDM invites Zontians from all over North America (Canada and the United States) to join together for training sessions and strategizing and celebration.

NORTH AMERICAN INTER-DISTRICT MEETING

The 2021 North American Inter-District Meeting (NAIDM) is scheduled to be held <u>in-person</u> June 25-27 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The theme is *Challenges and Opportunities for Zonta's Second Century*. This meeting is an opportunity to talk with Zonta International leadership; to become more familiar with Zonta's service and advocacy projects; participate in trainings on leadership, membership, service, and advocacy; and visit with other Zontians from the United States and Canada. These are jam packed meetings without all the formalities of resolutions and elections. For more information, go to https://www.zonta-cinti.org/na-inter-district-conference-2021



Treasurer's Report April 2021

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Meeting Minutes Summary



Zonta Club of Cheyenne – Member Meeting Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Denise called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

18 Members were in attendance.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (JUST A FEW DAYS LATE)

Consider celebrating by donating to Zonta Foundation for Women

https://secure2.convio.net/zonta/site/Donation2?1400.donation=form1&df_id=1400&mfc_pref=T

FYI (We are District 12, Area 2, Club 0372)

Celebratory Matters

New Members – Barbara World, Carol Denny, Kristy Williams, Amy Hernandez March Birthdays: Kathy Cathcart, Betty Abernethy

District 12 Advocacy Project and Service Project – Focus on Domestic Violence Presentation by Denise Parrish

Denise started off with saying that we need to set fundraising aside until we come up with a specific project or need that we are raising for. It is a new biennium and new projects are being discussed. Denise would like to see more Domestic Violence awareness programs or projects where youth are educated.

Some other discussion is a Respect Women theme. This has been done in other clubs in the past with a white ribbon campaign. The club could focus on various groups in our community who would make the pledge with us both in the city and county levels. Ideas are making window signs, ads, fundraising, corporate sponsors, etc. The club can brainstorm on service projects that can be visibly seen.

The club than could have a celebration in October with other groups that have the same focus. Michelle Huff suggested coming up with a #tag that we can use in social media. Kathy Scigliano will start working on a Zonta Instagram page.

An additional service project idea was to help send SAIN Nurses to training.

Zonta International / Commission on the Status of Women -- http://www.zonta.org/csw

Register to become an Advocate if you want to be part of the NGO-CSW – there is no cost (usually \$25)

NGO CSW65 Forum Advocate Registration Tickets | Eventbrite

Zonta District 31 co-sponsored parallel event: *Building Society for Women Free from Violence* https://ngocsw65forum.us2.pathable.com/meetings/virtual/f6uej3KR7AKoPJrry.

Visit Zonta International at our Exhibit Hall Booth https://ngocsw65forum.us2.pathable.com/exhibition-hall

Zonta International's Statement to the

CSW: https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/AboutUs/ChangingTheWorldForWomen/CSW/ZontaInternationalCS W65Statement.pdf

Denise adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Belinda Sawyer, Secretary

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Ambassador: Karen Pacheco Club Historian: Linda Bogart



Michelle Aldrich 4/6

Brenda Mathre 4/23

Zonta Foundation:

Kristie Wilson (Ch)

Linda Bogart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Melissa Martin (Tres)

Donna Angel (Member at Large)

Upcoming Events:

April 8: Member Meeting – Noon – **Elections** and **Formal Business**

April 17: Zonta D12, Area 2 Meeting (Hosted by Fort Collins)

April 21 – Awareness Wednesday

May 13: Member Meeting – Evening In-Person – Induction of Officers and New Members

May 19: Awareness Wednesday

May 20: Black Tooth Brewery Fundraiser for Zonta

August 14: Zonta is the Beneficiary of Cruise Night