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Message from the President

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."

- Albert Einstein

Mother's Day. A day to enjoy Spring and flowers and chocolates and sappy greeting cards. A day to remember mothers lost too soon. A day to remember what might have been "if only ---." Oh, how far we have come from the origins of Mother's Day.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day as a national holiday to honor mothers. It did not take long for it to become the commercial holiday it has become. In fact, many believe that the holiday might have faded into oblivion were it not for the likes of Hallmark and candymakers and florists.

Yet, the women who fought for this month of May holiday had an entirely different view of the day. Anna Reeves Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe spent years urging the creation of a Mother's Day dedicated to peace. Anna started with a Friendship Day where the Civil

War veterans from both the North and the South came back together. Julia's suggestion was a *Mother's Peace Day* arguing that war is a preventable evil.

She called on mothers everywhere to promote the "amicable settlement of international questions." Peace is what these women wanted.

Lately, I have been hearing a lot about women and peace. Forgive me for not being able to attribute a speaker to each of these quotes but recent conversations are spattered with statements such as, "*If women ran the world, there would be no more war,*" and "*Women make the world a more peaceful place.*"

True? We will never know. But, this year on the second Sunday in May, take a moment and think about *peace* and Mother Teresa's take on it all – "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."

Denise



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"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."

-Malala Yousafzai

Announcements

HELP WANTED

Looking for someone to fill the role of Zonta Foundation for Women Ambassador (liaison) for the Cheyenne Zonta Club.

General Duties: remind people of the great work done by Zonta around the world and the fact that it takes funding to implement the projects to better women's lives. Provide focused presentation to the Club once or twice a year.

Required Skills: not be afraid or ashamed to occasionally remind people of the joy of financial giving to help others (when they are able)

Compensation: the pay is lousy but the satisfaction of the work and being involved is immeasurable.

Position will be left open until filled.

To volunteer, contact parrishzonta@gmail.com

JOIN US THE
LAST THURSDAY
OF EVERY
MONTH!

For every pint sold, Black Tooth will donate \$1 toward a local nonprofit! If you'd like to feature your local nonprofit here at the brewery, call us at 307-514-0362 to fill out a request form!

HELP US GIVE BACK BY DRINKING BEER 😊

Community
Pint Night

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

DONATION MADE TO ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

ZONTA OF CHEYENNE FOUNDATION

A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

Advancing the Status of Women through
Charitable and Educational Activities



At its most recent meeting, the Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation Board voted to make a \$4,000 donation to the Zonta Foundation for Women (formerly known as Zonta International Foundation) on behalf of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne.

(Whew! That's a lot of different Zonta groups.) It has been a tradition of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne to give one-third of the proceeds from its major fundraiser to the foundation that supports Zonta International's service projects in various countries around the world. As there was no major fundraising event in 2021 (not so far, anyway), the Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation decided to use the funds it received from the Laramie County Community Charitable Relief Program to support the work Zonta International does to change the lives of women and families around the world.

The Zonta International service projects currently are:

- Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru
- Strengthening Response to Gender Based Violence in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste
- Let Us Learn Madagascar
- Ending Child Marriage in 12 countries in Africa and Asia

You can find more information about these projects on the Zonta International website at http://www.zonta.org/Web/Our_Programs/International_Service_Projects/Web/Programs/International_Service_Projects_Home.aspx?hkey=0f2cc1c6-6d4d-4b4a-b7c3-a71b81356527

Congratulations to Kylie Schelhaas, YWPA Award Recipient

For the second year in a row, Kylie Schelhaas has received the Zonta Club of Cheyenne Young Women in Public Affairs Award in the amount of \$1,500.

She is a senior at East High School, works part-time while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, and is active in her school, church and community. She has been involved with, as a member or a leader, the Interact Club, her school concert, jazz, and marching bands, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, Safe School Ambassadors, 4-H, and three competitive shooting teams – just to name a few of her activities. She has also earned the Bronze Congressional Medal for Service.



She plans to attend the University of Wyoming to study Zoology, Environmental Sciences and Education. Her goal is to become a secondary school science teacher. She is honored to receive the award and plans to use it toward her tuition at UW. We are proud to support Kylie in her efforts.

Jennica Fournier, Zontian Extraordinaire

This month, we give a special call-out to Jennica Fournier, our Club Scholarship Chair. Next time you trade emails with Jennica, take a look at her signature line:

MBA/PharmD Candidate 2023

Class of 2023 President

President's Council Treasurer

C&I Class of 2023 Representative

Zonta Club of Cheyenne Scholarship Chair

While everyone needs to take care of themselves and learn to say NO once-in-a-while, next time you are deciding whether you can find time to volunteer for just one more thing, please think of Jennica. She is an amazing Zontian taking on the task of coordinating our scholarship activities. Let's send her good thoughts as she goes through her class finals this month.

YOU ARE INVITED
(and Guests are Welcome)

MEETING OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE
at
THE METROPOLITAN
1701 Carey Avenue

Thursday, MAY 13, 2021
Socializing and No-Host Dinner Ordering
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting to Begin Shortly After 6:00 p.m.

Agenda to Include:
New Member Initiation
Officer and Board Members Installation
Announcement of Zontian of the Year
Introduction of YWPA Awardee
Other Club Business

BUY YOUR OWN DINNER OPTIONS
(Add Tax plus 20% Gratuity)

Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian) \$13
Penne Chicken Pesto (Gluten Free) \$16
Prime Rib Sandwich \$16
Steak Frites \$18
Pan Seared Salmon \$24

Soup, Side Salads, Brussel Sprouts, Desserts
and a Full Bar will also be Available

Dinner at the meeting is an option and is not
required.

If you plan to dine at the meeting, dinner orders
will be taken between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

CLUB LEADERSHIP FOR 2021 – 2022

Vacant leadership positions for our Club and Foundation were filled with the elections we held at our April Club meeting. The end result of the elections is a strong leadership team with a mix of newer and more experienced members – including one of our brand-new members. Listed below is the elected leadership team for the next year beginning June 1, 2021:

<u>Club Officers and Directors</u>	<u>Foundation Board</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>
Denise Parrish, President	Kristi Wilson, President	Mary Walker
Dr. Michelle Aldrich, V.P.	Linda Bogart, V.P.	Ann Erdmann
Belinda Sawyer, Secretary	Denise Parrish, Secretary	Kathy Starr
Kathy Cathcart, Treasurer	Melissa Martin, Treasurer	
Betty Abernethy, Director	Ann Erdmann, Director	
Ilaine Brown, Director		
Rebecca Reid, Director		-
Audra Gagnon, Director		
Kristy Williams, Director		
Dasa Robertson, Treasurer-in-Training		

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for all their efforts. And, thanks to all of you for such a fantastic turnout at our meeting! Finally, thanks to Brenda Mathre for the years she spent on the Board and all the valuable input she provided.

SENATE ACTION IMPORTANT TO ENACTMENT OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

A bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate that would help the Equal Rights Amendment finally become part of the U.S. Constitution. Senate Joint Resolution 1 (S.J.1) would eliminate the deadline for the ratification of the E.R.A., setting up an opportunity for equal rights for women to finally be part of the highest law of the land. Zontians, and others, are asked to contact their Senators to encourage them to support S.J.1.

Members of the Cheyenne Zonta Club have been active in contacting their Wyoming Senators, especially Senator Lummis. Several members have written or emailed Senators Lummis and Barrasso. Op-eds have appeared in both the Casper Star Tribune and the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. Most recently, Jody Gostas was on a call with Senator Lummis' staff and nearly a dozen additional advocates. A focus has been placed on trying to get Senator Lummis to support this piece of legislation. As a Congressional Representative she supported the E.R.A. but has now changed her position, citing concerns about the over-politicization of the issues including the matter of biological sex versus gender identity.

If you have not yet done so, you are encouraged to contact Senator Lummis at (202) 224-3424 or <https://www.lummis.senate.gov/contact/contact-form/>. On the call, we were encouraged to use "The Power of 10." If 10 people make the contact now and each of those 10 commit and 10 more make a call, imagine what results that outpouring of support could achieve!

Melissa and I got out of town. Being fully vaccinated, we flew to California on March 10 to visit my sister-in-law in Palm Desert for a week.

Melissa was able to teach via zoom—check out the picture of her new poolside office. Her students were envious of the warm weather. Her biggest challenge was moving to a shady spot to avoid a sunburn.

Our host treated us to the sights of Long Beach, wonderful places to eat in Palm Desert, a tour of some 6-million-dollar homes, and nightly movies to unwind.

Here's hoping you are safe and get to travel as well,

Linda Bogart



Women and Children in Immigrant Communities

Presentation by Senator Affie Ellis

Sponsored by Zonta Club of Cheyenne

Cheyenne, WY — Wednesday, May 19, the Zonta Club of Cheyenne will sponsor

Senator Affie Ellis as a part of their “Awareness Wednesdays” events. The free event will be hosted through Zoom on Wednesday, May 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Affie has a strong background in federal Indian law and policy. She is a member of the Navajo Nation and serves on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprises Board of Directors.

During her presentation, Affie will speak about the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People where 105 Indigenous people (34 females, 71 males) were victims of homicide between 2000 and 2020.

Indigenous homicide victims were 21% of the total homicide victims in

Wyoming between 2000 and 2020. Between 2010 and 2019, the homicide rate per 100,000 for Indigenous people was 26.8, eight times higher than the homicide rate for White people. The homicide rate for Indigenous females was 15.3 per 100,000, 6.4 times higher than the homicide rate for White females. Between 2011 and September 2020, 710 Indigenous persons were reported missing. Some Indigenous people were reported missing more than once during the time period, resulting in a total of 1,254 missing person records for Indigenous people. Eighty-five

percent were juvenile, and 57% were female. They were reported missing from 22 counties in Wyoming. Ten percent of missing Indigenous people are found within the same day they are reported missing, 50% are found within one week. One-fifth of the Indigenous people reported missing were missing for 30 or more days, which is a higher percentage than White people missing for 30 or more days (11%). Currently, 10 Indigenous people are listed as missing (3 females and 7 males).

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 info@cheyennezonta.org or call 307-509-0473.

Treasurer's Report May 2021

Date: 03/31/2021						
Type	Date	Number	Name	Cleared	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						\$ 6,087.40
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	2/16/2021	4498	JubJub	03/05/21	\$ (90.00)	
Total Checks and Payments						
					\$ (90.00)	
Deposits and Credits						
Total Deposits and Credits						
					\$ -	
Total Cleared Transactions					\$ (90.00)	\$ (90.00)
Cleared Balance						\$ 5,997.40
Register Balance						\$ 5,997.40
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Total Checks and Payments						
					\$ -	
Deposits and Credits						
Total Deposits and Credits						
					\$ -	
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance						\$ 5,997.40

2021 Club Officers And Board

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Nominating Committee

Dasa Roberston

Ann Erdmann

Mary Walker

Committee Chairs

Advocacy: Denise Parrish

Communication: Brenda Mathre

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership: Betty Abernethy

Service: Audra Gagnon

Zonta International Foundation for Women

Ambassador: Karen Pacheco

Club Historian: Linda Bogart



Denise Parish 5/20

Jackie Snowardt 5/20

Mary Walker 5/22

Melissa Martin 5/28

Zonta Foundation :

Kristie Wilson (Ch)

Linda Bogart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Melissa Martin (Tres)

Donna Angel (Member at Large)

Upcoming Events:

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