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Message from the President

"Domestic violence does not only happen to adults. Forty percent of girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend and approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner."

- Dianne Feinstein

The long, hot days of July have led me to spend a bit of time studying the Wyoming Domestic Violence Crime statistics. As I wandered the internet, looking for information on domestic violence, I happened upon a report prepared quarterly by the Division of Criminal Investigation at the Attorney General's Office.

The information contained therein intrigued me enough that I decided to look at the quarterly data for 2019 and 2020 to see what popped out. Some of it confirmed what I had suspected was occurring, some I hadn't thought about before, and some was a bit thought provoking. I'd like to share a little of what I found, while noting that this report is for all of Wyoming – not limited specifically to Laramie County or Cheyenne.

The domestic violence incidents tracked include abductions, assaults, intimidation, murder, robbery, sexual assault, violation of protection order, and other. On average for the two-year period examined, there were 522 incidents reported for each quarter with about 87% of the reported incidents relating to assaults (physical, not sexual). Of these assaults, there were arrests in about 57% of the incidents. While far fewer sexual assaults are reported (about 58 in the two-year period), only about 33% of the cases involved an arrest. It would be very interesting to find out how these numbers are

used by law enforcement, or others, if they are.

When do these incidents occur and by whom? The data showed the most were on Sunday (17%) while the fewest were on Monday (12%). Not surprisingly, nearly forty percent occur between 6 p.m. and midnight. In thirty percent of the incidents, the victim was dating the offender, with 24% of the cases involving spouses. (Most of the others involved a family member or other member of the household.) The victims (or perhaps, survivors) were female 69% of the time while 73% of the offenders were male. Lastly, about 30% of the victims in these incidents were in the age category of 25 to 34, while 32% of the offenders were in the same age category of 25 to 34.

I am currently pondering this data, what it means, and what can and is being done about it. However, in my quest for better understanding, I decided that an appropriate guest speaker for our August meeting would be the new Cheyenne Police Chief, Mark Francisco. He has been invited to join us in a "get to know the new Chief" conversation. Please try to participate in this conversation as we work to understand the role we, as Zontians, might have in ending or otherwise addressing domestic violence in our community.

-Denise

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YEARS

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

-Michelle Obama

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Announcements

SAVE THE DATE

ZONTA DISTRICT 12 CONFERENCE

Empowering Women to Win

September 24 – 26, 2021
Colorado Springs, Colorado

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Many thanks are due to the everyone who helped us with our Awareness campaign during Cheyenne Frontier Days. There are too many to name but a few special thanks are warranted. Kudos to Belinda Sawyer for organizing the distribution of the human trafficking awareness hotline posters around town. Lots of folks shared with us during the week that they had seen the posters and thanked us for our work. Belinda also coordinated the distribution of 10,000 coasters around town that had the human trafficking hotline phone number on one side and the domestic violence hotline number on the other. We appreciate the team she put together to distribute these materials on a hot, hot day.

Our sincere thanks also goes to Audra Gagnon who coordinated our distribution of human trafficking and domestic violence information at the pancake breakfasts. Before six a.m. on pancake days, she would be at the corner of Carey and Lincolnway with her truck full of the Zonta canopy, brochures, and more – including a big bucket of candy to share with passersby on the way to or from the pancake breakfast. Gratitude is sent to everyone who got up early in the morning to help with our booth. Special thanks is sent to Zoey Brown and Baylyn Burgett – our young assistants – whose exuberance helped motivate us some early mornings.

Further special thanks is sent to Alison George, who put together a great voice and visual set of public service announcements on human trafficking and how to stay safe. Check it out on our Facebook page.

Lastly, you will see pictures of your sister Zontians in some wonderful *Zonta Crew* shirts. These shirts were made by none other than Zoey Brown who just decided to make them without being asked or prompted. She made plenty so be sure to ask Ilaine Brown for yours if you don't already have one. Thanks Zoey. We can't wait to see what you do for our community once we have a Z-Club up and going, with you as one of its first members.

Great Work Ladies!

Well Done, Ladies!

Zonta Club asks people to watch out for human trafficking

CHEYENNE – The Zonta Club of Cheyenne is asking people to watch out for human trafficking in our area during this year's Cheyenne Frontier Days.

Historically, human trafficking increases at large events that draw crowds of people from all walks of life. Small steps can keep people safe—especially younger people.

Consider traveling in groups. Don't meet alone with strangers. Have a designated sober friend if you plan to drink.

Anyone who suspects they, or someone they see, is being trafficked, should contact the 24/7 National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP to 233733.



Need help? Need to report?

1 (888) 373-7888

National Human Trafficking Hotline

Available 24/7 in multiple languages
Or text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733

<http://humantraffickinghotline.org>

Help spread the word by visit



New Facebook Group!

Alison George created a private Facebook group for members, "Zontians Cheyenne." This is different from our public club page where we announce contests and scholarships and the like. Our private club page is to share meeting dates and times, encouraging memes, interesting stories, and the like. Come on in!

Find the group through the URL below or message Alison on Facebook for an invite.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/873500766584169/>



The 4th annual Watch for Traffic 5k Run at Cheyenne Hills Church will take place Saturday, August 28th at 8AM. The race also includes a Kid's Fun Run and Inflatable Dash prior to the run. Register here:

<https://www.raceentry.com/races/watch-for-traffic-5k-runwalk-/2021/register>

Zonta Club of Cheyenne Donated \$289.20 to Zonta International!

Club members brought their small world banks to the meeting in July and the cash and currency for a total of over \$200. This is being sent to Zonta International as a club donation.

Thank you to all who participated and be sure to fill the banks again for a future donation.



Treasurer's Report

Date: 06/30/2021						
Type	Date	Number	Name	Cleared	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						\$ 7,524.14
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	5/18/2021	4511	Trophy Creative	06/04/21	\$ (77.00)	
Check	5/17/2021	4508	JubJub	06/07/21	\$ (220.00)	
Check	5/17/2021	4510	Denise Parrish reimb The Met	06/10/21	\$ (125.00)	
check	5/25/2021	4512	Denise Parrish	06/10/21	\$ (56.08)	
Check	6/7/2021	4514	Prairie Rose	06/14/21	\$ (46.25)	
check	6/7/2021	4515	Michelle Aldrich	06/14/21	\$ (80.00)	
Check	6/7/2021	4516	Belinda Sawyer	06/14/21	\$ (384.25)	
Check	5/4/2021	4507	Kylie Schellhaas	06/25/21	\$ (1,500.00)	
Total Checks and Payments					\$ (2,488.58)	
Deposits and Credits						
Deposit	6/22/2021		dues - Denny	06/28/21	\$ 189.00	
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ 189.00	
Total Cleared Transactions					\$ (2,299.58)	\$ (2,299.58)
Cleared Balance						\$ 5,224.56
Register Balance						\$ 5,224.56
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	4/5/2021	4503	Sage Barlow		\$ (200.00)	
Check	6/7/2021	4513	The Met		\$ (475.00)	
check	6/15/2021	4517	Kathy Cathcart		\$ (49.99)	
Check	7/6/2021	4518	Ilaine Brown - Reimburse for Zach		\$ (200.00)	
Total Checks and Payments					\$ (924.99)	
Deposits and Credits						
Deposit	7/6/2021		dues - Ried		\$ 174.48	
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ 174.48	\$ (750.51)
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Ending Balance						\$ 4,474.05

2021 Zonta District 12 Conference



September 24-26, 2021

Conference Hotel: Academy Hotel, 8110 North Academy Blvd.

Friday

Noon-3pm Board Meeting

3pm Tour of the new U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum

Saturday

7:30am Optional morning exercises with Michelle Meda

8:00am First Timers Orientation

8:30am Voting Instruction meeting

9:00am Opening of Conference

6:00pm Social time & cocktails followed by dinner

Sunday

7:45am Memorial Service

9:00am Conference continues

10:00am Workshops

12:30pm Conference conclusion

More details coming soon!

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Communication: Audra Gagnon (Board Liaison)

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership:

Service: Audra Gagnon

Zonta International Foundation for Women

Ambassador: Mary Walker

Club Historian: Linda Bogart

Zonta Foundation :

Kristie Wilson (Ch)

Linda Bogart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Melissa Martin (Tres)

Ann Erdmann (Member at Large)

Upcoming Events:

August 5 @ 5:30pm: Board Meeting
2829 Deming Blvd.

August 12 @ Noon via ZOOM: Member meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89710265201?pwd=T3M3aGllZnpHMGUvSmJwandKRHhvZz09>
Meeting ID: 897 1026 5201 Passcode: 708433

August 14: Zonta is the Beneficiary of
Cruise Night

August 24 @ 5:30pm: Fundraiser Brain-
storming
2829 Deming Blvd.

August 28, TBD: Zonta Hosted Water Station
Cheyenne Hills Human Trafficking 5k