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Message from the President

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

John F. Kennedy

I have just returned from the Zonta District 12 Conference in Colorado Springs. What fun it was. I visited with established friends and made some new ones. I talked to families with multiple generations of Zontians. Wow! I learned as much over coffee and other adult beverages as I did during the formal meeting. I saw the passion of women wanting to help other women and was recharged. My biggest regret is that more of you did not attend the conference and thus, did not take the opportunity to rub elbows (figuratively) with a room full of motivated, passionate, want-to-change-the-world women with different ideas on how to accomplish that.

What did I learn? I learned that other Clubs are doing great work on service and advocacy projects. However, I also learned that our Club is an inspiration to others and we are also doing good work. There may be a few ideas here and there that I bring up in conversation that I lifted from others. Yet, having our own path and doing it our own way is okay.

Mostly, what I came away with was the need to talk to each other more. I support the newly elected leadership that wants to make sure that Clubs are talking to each other and working together – and not just once a year at the annual conference. Yes, day-to-day, we should be sharing ideas and learning what has worked and what has not. We should look to not only our neighboring clubs across the state line, but also our sister Zonta clubs across the ocean.

Will my enthusiasm last? I hope so, although my energy may run dry before my passion wanes. Will I open my mind to more new ideas from others, including my Cheyenne Zisters? I hope so. I can't promise to stop being a Type A, but I sure hope that doesn't mean that all ideas must come from me. No, no, no. I want ideas from you on where we go from here. How do we change our fundraiser to meet the current environment? How do we expand our thinking to encourage others to help prevent interpersonal violence? Let's talk, and I promise to listen. Then we will all go out and make the world a better place.

Denise



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"There is no gate, no lock, no bolt that you can set upon the freedom of my mind."

- Virginia Woolf

District 12 Conference 2021



On September 24th and 25th, about eighty Zontians from Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming met in Colorado Springs for the annual District 12 Conference. Zonta of Cheyenne had four members at the meeting: Betty Abernethy, Kathy Cathcart, Denise Parrish, and Jo Ann Russ. The formal business portion of the meeting found the group electing its leaders for 2022-24, with Bridget Masters becoming the President-elect. Notably, our own Betty Abernethy was elected to the District 12 Nominating Committee. A number of changes were also made to the district policies and procedures, in part to reflect the district's recent incorporation. An investment policy was also approved, allowing for interest and dividends to be earned on accumulated funds. These earnings should eliminate the need for ever-increasing dues, starting in 2024.

There were a number of key speakers including (a) Mari McKenzie, Treasurer of Zonta International; (b) Michelle Dusserre Farrell, 1984 Olympic Silver Medalist and Accessibility Activist; and (c) Leila Johnson, winner from Laramie of the local, district, and international level Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship.

Three workshops were offered with attendees able to attend two of the three. They were: (1) Empowering Women and Your Club Through Social Media; (2) Advocacy in the 21st Century; and (3) Managing Change: Surviving and Thriving in the Midst of Chaos. Many ideas came out of the workshops, where a number of ideas were shared from representatives of several of the Clubs present. Updates on scholarships, service projects, advocacy matters, and fundraising were also provided during the meetings. There was also some interesting discussion about Climate Change and its disproportionate impact on women around the world. This is not the last we will hear about Climate Change as it is a new focus for Zonta.

Finally, there was plenty of social and networking time, including a banquet where various awards were given. A big surprise came during the awards presentation when our Cheyenne Club won a membership growth award. Wow! Thanks to Betty Abernethy and the Membership Committee for their hard work.

Mark your calendars! The 2022 Governor's Seminar will be held in Pierre / Fort Pierre, South Dakota the weekend of September 23-24, 2022.



Announcements



Advocating with Indigenous Women: A Webinar in Observance of Indigenous People's Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 9 AM MDT

REGISTRATION

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_naZRzY4Sa6DnbQc_y8HEQ



In Her Shoes

Living With Domestic Violence

October 12th 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Safehouse Service

714 West Fox Farm Road, Cheyenne

Zontians will have the chance to role play characters who have experienced domestic violence and make decisions they had to make.

Interested in Leading the Hope Bag Project?

Kathy Scigliano needs to step back from her leadership of the Hope Bag project for a bit. If you would like to take this over, including inventorying what we have in storage, please let Denise Parrish know.



Thoughts about fundraising?

If you have ideas for a fundraising event please contact Denise Parrish (parrishzonta@gmail.com) or Amy Hernandez (ahernandez1_2000@yahoo.com). Also, please watch your email for a survey on fundraising – specifically Zonta Night Out – and be sure to respond. It is time to start raising some money for our local and international projects.



REMARKABLE WOMEN POWERFUL STORIES

A LEADERSHIP SERIES BY
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Each month, hear a remarkable woman share her achievements and personal story and learn from her reflections on leadership, success, and the path she has forged.

To register for future stories or to hear recordings of past discussions, go to

https://members.zonta.org/Web/News_Events/Remarkable_Women_Powerful_Stories

October is Domestic Violence Awareness



A time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors

October was first declared as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. Domestic violence awareness is associated with the color purple. Purple is a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending violence.

Every nine seconds, a woman in the United States is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other. One in four men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. Anyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual identity or orientation, or socio-economic status, can (and has) become a victim of domestic violence.

October is a good time to remember how prevalent domestic violence is in today's society. So, this year, let's remember the victims and survivors of domestic violence by participating in *Purple Thursday*. Make a fashion statement by wearing something purple that day. Post photos of yourself in something purple – a scarf, a mask, a shirt, some colorful nail polish, a ribbon, or...whatever tickles your fancy.

We will also be posting various facts and graphics about domestic violence on social media during the month. Please feel free to share on your own pages.

14th Annual Symposium
Businesses that Traffic
 October 23, 2021

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 events/430022648346382?
 ref=newsfeed](https://www.facebook.com/events/430022648346382?ref=newsfeed)



**SIXTEEN DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST
 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

Begins November 25, 2021 (International Day
 Against Violence Against Women)

Ends December 10, 2021 (International Human
 Rights Day)

Zonta and the United Nations

“We would have preferred greater emphasis on women, peace, and security and an explicit mention of Security Council Resolution 1325. Women peacebuilders contribute to preventing and ending conflict, countering terrorism and violent extremism, and rebuilding societies. To everyone’s detriment, women continue to be excluded from conflict and reconstruction processes.”

U S Mission to the U N in response to
The Commission on the Status of Women
Agreed-Upon Conclusions, 2021

On October 24th, the world will commemorate the anniversary of the ratification of the initial United Nations charter. United Nations Day was first celebrated in 1948. The United Nation has worked in many ways, and with many partners, with a significant focus on human rights, eliminating famine, eradicating disease, promoting people’s health, and settling refugees.

Zonta has worked in partnership with the United Nations for many decades. More than 5,000 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have consultative status with the U.N. This status allows the NGO to provide expert information and advice to various entities within the United Nations, and to express their views at various meetings and gatherings of the U.N. In 1969, Zonta was granted *General Consultative Status*, the highest status an NGO can have at the U.N. Fewer than 200 NGOs have been granted General Consultative Status, as it is reserved for large NGOs whose area of work cover most of the issues on the agenda of the Economic and Social Council of the U.N.

Zonta has also joined the US Women’s Caucus at the U.N. This group of like-minded organizations collaborates on the UN women’s agenda and advocates for gender equality. This caucus, which includes a number of Zontians in key positions, submitted comments to the 2021 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). These comments may be found at <https://www.uswomenscaucus.org/caucus-csw-statements/> The U.S Mission’s *Explanation of Position on the Adoption of the CSW 2021 Agreed Conclusions* may be found at <https://usun.usmission.gov/explanation-of-position-on-the-adoption-of-the-csw-2021-agreed-conclusions-long-form/> These statements are relatively short and should be of interest to all Zontians; they are worth reading and go directly to the issue of focus for Zonta.

October is United Nations Month!

This year’s theme of the United Nations Association of the United States is

Creating a Blueprint for a Better Future.



October 2021

Dear President of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne with a copy to Governor of District 12,

I am delighted to congratulate you and the members of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne on your 65th anniversary. In the decades since your club was chartered, you have no doubt made a difference for many women and girls, for which you can be proud.

As you celebrate this milestone, let us also look forward to the future and how your club will continue to make an impact in your community.

Collectively with nearly 1,200 clubs around the world, the Zonta Club of Cheyenne has contributed significantly to empowering women and girls so they can reach their full potential. I am deeply thankful for your dedication and support.

Zonta International has provided more than US\$41.2 million to empower women and girls and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions. We are proud of all our achievements in the last century and celebrate that we have helped improve the lives of millions of women and girls.

This biennium, Zonta International's programs and projects focus on education and eliminating violence against women and girls. To effect change while continuing to be a leading advocate for women's rights and gender equality, we must work together.

Once again, congratulations on your meaningful anniversary. I wish you continued success.



Warm regards,

Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.
President, 2020-2022
Zonta International & Zonta International Foundation

Treasurer's Report October 2021

Date: 08/31/2021						
Type	Date	Number	Name	Cleared	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						\$ 5,149.05
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	7/20/2021	4519	Denise Parrish	08/04/21	\$ (495.22)	
Check	8/17/2021	4821	JubJub	08/26/21	\$ (90.00)	
Check	8/17/2021	4822	Audra Gagnon	08/30/21	\$ (136.00)	
Total Checks and Payments					\$ (721.22)	
Deposits and Credits						
Deposit	8/17/2021		Cruise the Legend Proceeds	08/20/21	\$ 1,500.00	
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ 1,500.00	
Total Cleared Transactions					\$ 778.78	\$ 778.78
Cleared Balance						\$ 5,927.83
Register Balance						\$ 5,927.83
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	4/5/2021	4503	Sage Barlow		\$ (200.00)	
Check	6/7/2021	4513	The Met		\$ (475.00)	
Check	8/9/2021	4820	Family Promise		\$ (200.00)	
Total Checks and Payments					\$ (875.00)	
Deposits and Credits						
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ -	\$ (875.00)
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ (875.00)	
Ending Balance						\$ 5,052.83

Meeting Minutes Summary



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Zonta Club of Cheyenne – Member Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Social Time Starts at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts at 6 p.m.

The Metropolitan

1701 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY

- Vice President Michelle Aldrich called the meeting to order at 6:05. 13 members were present.
- Our guest speaker for the evening was Valerie Berry with the Journey Center. The Journey Center assists families with shelter, food, clothing, financial literacy, parenting, personal wellness, etc.

Fundraising

- Amy Hernandez talked about Zonta Night Out 2022 options and some other ideas that could be a possibility with club member involvement. Several members volunteered to be on this committee. One suggestion was having a function at the Blue FCU Headquarters. Ideas included: Authors Lunch w/ a local author, Film Festival, antique show, Trivia/ Bingo night, Masquerade Ball.
- Zonta District 12 Conference – Colorado Springs – September 24 – 26
- Financial Support to attend the meeting is still available – contact Denise.

Updates / Activities to Start Thinking About

- Hope Bags Update – Kathy Scigliano sent an email out with the update.
- October 12th 5:30 to 7:15ish p.m. – *In Her Shoes* experiential event of making decisions after experiencing Domestic Violence

Sixteen Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women (Nov. 25 – Dec 10)

- The Silent Witness March has been scheduled for November 20, 2021. The mayor will be asked to sign a proclamation. Michelle will get the permit for the parade. The parade will end at the library where there will be a speaker (TBD) and the signing of the proclamation at 10:00.

Other things for the good of the order-

- Michelle let the members know that it was recommended our club become a corporation. Kathy made a motion to approve this. Seconded by Betty. All approved.

Results of the Silent Auction- \$115 was raised from our silent auction.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 7, 5:30 p.m. – Zonta Club Board Meeting (Denise's House)
- October 12th, 5:30 p.m. – In Her Shoes experience (tentatively at Safehouse)
- October 14, Noon – Club Meeting by Zoom
- October 26, Noon – Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation Meeting by Zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Belinda Sawyer, Secretary

2021 Club Officers And Board

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Rebecca Reid

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Kristy Williams

Nominating Committee

Dasa Roberston

Ann Erdmann

Mary Walker

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Advocacy: Denise Parrish

Communication: Audra Gagnon (Board Liaison)

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership: Betty Abernethy

Service: Audra Gagnon

Zonta International Foundation for Women

Ambassador: Mary Walker

Club Historian: Linda Bogart



Kristie Wilson 10/6

Dasa Robertson 10/10

Ilaine Brown 10/23

Belinda Sawyer 10/30

Zonta Foundation :

Kristie Wilson (Ch)

Linda Bogart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Melissa Martin (Tres)

Ann Erdmann (Member at Large)

Upcoming Events:

October 7 @ 5:30pm: Board Meeting at Denise's House

October 12th @ 5:30 pm: In Her Shoes event at Safehouse

October 14th @ 12pm: Member meeting via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3159567513?
pwd=OTNTaXpEbKRRUTN2eEJPU2taeENHQOT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3159567513?pwd=OTNTaXpEbKRRUTN2eEJPU2taeENHQOT09)

Meeting ID: 315 956 7513

Passcode: 429069

October 26th @ 12pm: Zonta Foundation meeting via Zoom

