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Message from the President

I feel the spring far off, far off,

That faint, far scent of bud and leaf --

Oh, how can spring take heart to come

To a world in grief, Deep grief?

The sun turns north, the days grow long,

Later the evening star grows bright --

How can the daylight linger on

For men to fight, Still fight?

The grass is waking in the ground,

Soon it will rise and blow in waves --

How can it have the heart to sway

Over the graves, the graves?

Under the boughs where lovers walked

The apple-blooms will shed their breath --

But what of all the lovers now

Parted by Death, Gray Death?

Spring in War-time

Sara Teasdale

(1884-1933)

As I look around, I see the signs of Spring starting to appear everywhere – longer and warmer days, greening grass, bunnies and birds building nests. Yet, as I turn to adulting and real life, I see so many things that make me grieve – the orphans and widows displaced by a needless war, rising gas and food prices, the hungry and homeless, societal divisiveness. Rather than rejoicing over the coming of Spring, it is easy to go to a dark place and wallow in the pain of life.

This month, I was reminded of the bright spots that are all around us. Our dark days are littered with people who are working to make the world a better place. Zontians are among those at the forefront of helping others – including us! Another shining star in the world of helping others is Luba Maksymovych from

Lviv, Ukraine. Decades ago, she opened the Centre Women’s Perspective (<http://www.women.lviv.ua/en/about-us/#>) to address matters of gender inequality and domestic violence.

Today, she and her Centre are helping women and children escape to Poland and providing medical and emotional treatment to survivors of Russia’s attacks on Ukraine. Last week, she personally drove 40 people from Lviv to Poland!

So, I thank each of you who is helping to make the world a better place in your own individual way. In doing so, you brighten my day as I remember the good work you are doing, while you also better the lives of others. Lastly, I leave you with these glimmers of hope in the world – the small buds of rebirth on my violet, and Luba! Happy Spring!

- Denise



Cancel Out



Our annual fundraising event was wildly successful, thanks to the hard work put in by the fundraising committee. Well done, ladies! You are very much appreciated. Not only did we raise over \$14,000, we reached over 200 members of the community with the message that Zonta is here to Cancel Out Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. The guest speaker, Heather Pounds-Pagán (pictured top left), gave a moving account of her experience as a victim of human trafficking. The evening was undoubtedly very impactful for all who attended! Again, thanks to everyone who put in the time and effort to make Cancel Out a huge success.

Announcements

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thanks to those who gave blood at Vitalent during our Service Club Blood Drive Challenge. The results are:

Kiwanis	10
Lions	9
Rotary	4
Zonta	3

While this was a friendly competition, please remember that blood is needed during all times of the year. Please consider giving as you can.

ZONTA CONNECT APP AVAILABLE

A new Zonta application for your phone is now available. This app will allow you to receive Zonta news feeds, access essential member resources, see a calendar of events, and more.

For more information, see https://www.zonta.org/Web/News_Events/Articles/Zonta_Connect_App_launches_to_members.aspx?WebsiteKey=fa59e7e8-9db0-4736-b8df-7a6476fb9063

[Apple App Store Download for iOS devices](#)
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CANCEL OUT FUNDRAISING RESULTS

Thank you to all of you who worked on our recent fundraiser and made it a huge success!! Whether you were on the core planning committee, donated auction items, made a cash donation, sponsored a table, bought a ticket to the event, or otherwise contributed, you helped make our event memorable. We also owe our gratitude to all of our donors, sponsors, and community supporters who were very generous in supporting our event.

AFTER ALL THE EXPENSES WERE PAID, WE NETTED PROCEEDS OF \$14,502!

SALES AND DONATIONS

Sponsors	14,075
Individual Dinners	3,504
Cash Donations	3,184
Wine Raffle	1,690
Raffle Tickets	1,645
Live and Silent Auction	<u>5,285</u>
TOTAL	\$29,383

EXPENSES

The MET (Room, Meals, etc.)	11,146
Speaker (Fees, Travel, Gift)	1,933
Auction Items and Misc.	863
Raffle Ticket Payments	450
Flyer and Save the Date Cards	270
Fees for Use of Square	<u>218</u>
TOTAL	\$14,881

NET PROCEEDS \$14,502

Violence Against Women Act Reauthorized

The Violence Against Women Act of 2022 was reauthorized after being signed by President Biden on March 16, 2022. After being stalled for months, bipartisan legislation was crafted to break the stalemate and was included in the Omnibus appropriations package. A fact sheet describing some of its provisions may be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/03/16/fact-sheet-reauthorization-of-the-violence-against-women-act-vawa/>

According to a press release issue by the Department of Justice, (see <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-applauds-reauthorization-violence-against-women-act>), the following provisions are included within this important legislation:

- Reauthorizing until 2027 VAWA's vitally important grant programs which will allow communities to provide critical services to survivors;
- Increasing services and support for underserved populations, including culturally specific communities, LGBTQ survivors, individuals with disabilities, immigrant survivors, older adults, and victims in rural communities, among others;
- Closing gaps in federal sex crimes statutes and promoting accountability for law enforcement officers.
- Enhancing efforts to reduce homicides through enforcement of federal and state firearms laws, including by enacting the National Instant Criminal Background Check System Denial Notification Act;
- Amending the Gun Control Act to make clear that the firearm prohibitions apply to domestic violence offenders convicted under municipal ordinances; and
- Improving access to justice for survivors by expanding grant funding for legal services and authorizing post-conviction legal assistance to survivors in matters arising out of their domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking victimization.

Young Women in Public Affairs Award Recipient Announced

This year, the Zonta Club of Cheyenne had five applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. A small committee reviewed the applications and ranked each applicant based on a set of criteria provided by Zonta International. This year's winner went to the young woman with the highest ranking. The applications were very competitive and we could have proudly sent any of the young women's applications forward to the District 12 committee.

This year we are excited to announce that Grace Steenbergen will be our recipient for the 2022 Young Women in Public Affairs Award (\$1,500). Her application has been forwarded to Zonta International's District 12 and if selected at the district level, could move forward to Zonta International's selection committee.

Grace is currently a senior at Burns High School. She plans to attend Baylor University this fall with hopes of entering law school after her undergraduate education in political science. Grace has served her community with over 1,000 hours of community service through the Future Farmers of America and the National Honors Society. She has recently served as an intern for Senator Tara Nethercott during the 2022 session and might just be one of the youngest members of The League of Women Voters.

Grace has been invited to our May meeting where we can look forward to meeting her and her family. If you are interested in becoming a chair for any of our scholarships please contact Jennica Fournier or Denise Parrish and they will let you know how easy and rewarding it can be!



For an explanation from the United Nations on How Gender Inequality and Climate Change are Interconnected please go to <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/explainer/2022/02/explainer-how-gender-inequality-and-climate-change-are-interconnected>

Climate Change and Gender Equity Statement of Zonta International

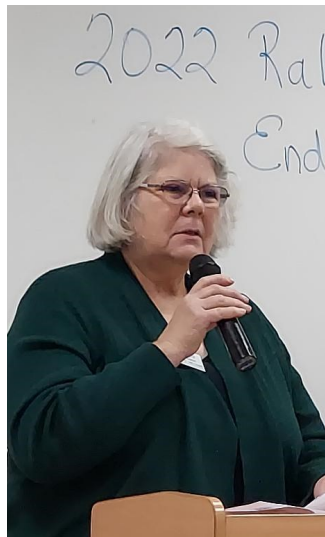
Zonta has issued a statement and action plan regarding *Climate Change and Gender Equity*. The changing climate and related natural disasters have been found to impact women more than men and threatens human rights, such as the right to life, food, water, health, education, livelihood and safety.

Zonta's statement and action plan may be found at https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/NewsEvents/Statements/ZontaInternationalStatementonClimateChange_ClimateChangeAGenderEqualityIssue.pdf

Check out the new Zonta District 12 Zonta SAYS NOW Facebook page hosted by the District 12 Action for Environment & Gender Equality Committee. Find it at https://www.facebook.com/Zonta-Says-NOW-District-12-100534912621412/?hc_location=ufi

2022 Rally for Women: Breaking the Chains

Our 2022 Rally for Women: Ending Domestic Violence, Breaking the Chains was held March 5th. Bob Vines, Prevention Specialist from Wyoming Coalition ADVSA, and Jackie Parker, Director of Strong Families Strong Wyoming, were our Guest speakers. They addressed issues such as toxic relationships in adults, young adults and youth and need prevention.



Featured Zonta Club of Cheyenne members spoke as well: Melissa Martin welcomed the attendees and enlightened the crowd about youth's thinking process, decision making pro-

cess, and the need for awareness of toxic relationships. Jody Gostas talked about what is a toxic relationship and Kathy Orr spoke about how toxic relationships can escalate.

Also, Zonta Club President Denise Parrish spoke directly about the need to break the cycle of abuse. Ann Erdmann was also in the audience to help inform people about current legislation.

The Rally was a bit affected by the intense weather, but was a huge success in bringing vital information and resources needed to address the growing problem.

Call to Area 2 Meeting

April 22-23, 2022

Fort Collins, Colorado

REVIVE, RETAIN, RECRUIT

Register here: [ZONTA AREA 2 REGISTRATION](#)

The Area 2 meeting will kick off with a Zonta Painting Event, Friday, April 22 from 7-9 PM. Pinots Palette will provide everything we need for the perfect night in to mingle, laugh, paint and make memories. Wine and light appetizers will be provided. We encourage you to have dinner before the event.

This year the Zonta Club of Colorado North 40 will host a spectacular conference at the Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott in Fort Collins, CO. The meeting will start at 9:00 am. We are excited to hear from Amanda Mitchell, Volunteer and Training Manager at Alternatives to Violence in Loveland, as the Keynote speaker. We will hear brief updates from the District board and explore how Clubs are working to Revive, Retain and Recruit members. Please plan to join us. The morning portion of the event will be streamed on Zoom at no cost (9-12). However, the workshop portion will be in person only.

We hope you can all join us on the 4th weekend in April.

Keynote Speaker:

Amanda Mitchell is the Volunteer and Training Manager at Alternatives to Violence in Loveland. Alternatives to Violence works with all victims of crime, but specialize in domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Amanda has worked at ATV for over three years, and in the field of trauma and domestic violence for six. Previously, she worked in substance abuse and cognitive training, as well as education. Training is Amanda's passion, and she has been working as a professional trainer for over 20 years. Each person has the ability to grow and learn, and Amanda embraces each one and each challenge presented. Amanda enjoys training all staff, interns, volunteers and community members at ATV on how to recognize signs of violence and trauma. Amanda moved to Colorado in 2000 from New Orleans, Louisiana. She loves the changing seasons and snow. During her off time, Amanda loves to hang out with her three teens and husband, as well as their two dogs, cat and bunnies.

Laramie Woman Sets Sights on Ending Human Trafficking in Wyoming

To read a story about Ashleigh Chapman, a Laramie resident, and her fight against human trafficking, go to a recent article in the Cowboy State Daily. You can find it at <https://cowboystatedaily.com/2022/03/24/laramie-woman-sets-sights-on-ending-human-trafficking-in-wyoming/>

Treasurer's Report

Date: 2/28/2022						
Type	Date	Number	Name	Cleared	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						\$ 3,560.91
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	1/26/2022	4529	Jub Jub	02/07/22	\$ (50.00)	
Check	2/17/2022	4531	USPS	02/28/22	\$ (156.00)	
Total Checks and Payments					\$ (206.00)	
Deposits and Credits						
Deposit	2/2/2022		Smialek dues		\$ 180.00	
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ 180.00	
Total Cleared Transactions					\$ (26.00)	\$ (26.00)
Cleared Balance						\$ 3,534.91
Register Balance						\$ 3,534.91
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Check	4/5/2021	4503	Sage Barlow		\$ (200.00)	
Check	1/26/2022	4532	Jub Jub		\$ (90.00)	
Total Checks and Payments					\$ (290.00)	
Deposits and Credits						
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Total Deposits and Credits					\$ (290.00)	\$ (290.00)
Ending Balance						\$ 3,244.91

Meeting Minutes Summary



6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2022

- Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum (13 members necessary to reach a quorum)

Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm and a Quorum was established.

- Introduction of Meeting Guest(s), if any –

Staci Balcaen came with Michelle Huff

- Birthdays – Kathy Cathcart, Betty Abernethy
- Sharing – Good News in Our Lives & Not So Good Things for Which We Can Use Some Support
- Dues Announcement – Expect a “*Dues are due*” notice soon
- Guest Speakers: Wanda, Alex and Bri from Volunteers of America

Peak Wellness merged with Volunteers of America. They offer mental health and substance abuse treatment. They have 70 plus programs that also include programs for youth and Veterans. They are supported by grants and state funds.

- Fundraising Update – CANCEL OUT Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking

Thanks to all who made this a Success.

Report on the Event

Debrief – What did you like; what would you change?

The event was a success. A suggestion is that the Program flyer needs larger print or be printed on white paper. The Vendors gave positive feedback as well. Both the silent and live auctions were a success.

- Potential Member Reception Update – March 24th, at The Office
- April Meeting – Elections of New Officers, Board Members and Nominating Committee

April 7th - NOON – ZOOM

Please plan on attending – we will need a quorum

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. Respectfully submitted by Belinda Sawyer, Secretary

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Dasa Roberston

Ann Erdmann

Mary Walker

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Communication:

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership: Betty Abernethy

Service:

Zonta International Foundation for Women

Ambassador: Mary Walker

Club Historian: Linda Bogart



Barbara World

4/02

Alison George

4/03

Michelle Aldrich

4/06

Brenda Mathre

4/23

Pam Pafford

4/26

Zonta Foundation :

Kristie Wilson (Ch)

Linda Bogart (V Ch)

Denise Parrish (Sec)

Melissa Martin (Tres)

Ann Erdmann (Member at Large)

Upcoming Events:

April 7 @ 5:30pm - Board Meeting at Align Office / ZOOM

April 14 @ Noon - Club Business Meeting on ZOOM. This meeting will include election of club officers. Please try to attend!

April 19 @ Noon - Zonta Foundation Meeting on ZOOM

April 23 - Zonta District 12, Area 2 Meeting in Fort Collins