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CLUB OF  
CHEYENNE

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EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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## Message from the President

Love is in the air! Valentine's Day is supposed to be about love, roses, and romance. Unfortunately, for many it is a reminder of pain, hurt, and shattered fairy tales. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2021) in Wyoming,

- 33.9% of women in Wyoming and 30.5% of men in Wyoming experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes.

- In 2019, 2,037 domestic violence incidents were reported to law enforcement and more than 55% of these incidents resulted in an arrest. Almost 88% of these incidents were classified as assaults. Many other incidents went unreported.

- On a single day in 2020, Wyoming domestic violence programs served 280 victims and received 108 hotline calls - an average of 5 calls per hour.

- An estimated 16.3% of Wyoming women are stalked in their lifetimes.

- Half of Wyoming domestic violence femicides are committed with firearms.

- Between 2012 and 2019, there were 38 domestic violence mur-

ders in Wyoming.

Lastly, the most unspoken about is financial abuse that occurs in 99% of all domestic violence cases!

I am so thankful for Zonta! The information that we receive and that we are able to share is helping to educate our young men and women that domestic violence doesn't have to be their reality. Women who are in violent situations can seek resources and know that there are organizations like Safehouse and others that we support to turn to for help.

If you ever wondered if we are making a difference in Zonta—we are! If you question that, just look at how the child marriage bill has made it so far this session. It may have taken time, but it has more support now than it ever has and may even pass! Thank you to all of the Zonta members who have chipped away at injustice and worked on behalf of women for years!



### SAVE THE DATE

April 14/15 Area Meeting to be held right here in Cheyenne! Join us Friday night for dinner and a fun night of painting at our local Board and Brush or dinner and a historic trolley ride! Saturday will be a day filled with workshops and ideas shared with members from our area Zonta clubs! It is a great way to see what Zonta is doing in our area and to meet other Zontians!



[www.cheyennezonta.org](http://www.cheyennezonta.org)

# Announcements

## ZONTA RAFFLE TICKETS

As part of our CANCEL OUT Fundraiser, we are selling raffle tickets. These tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The first prize is \$350 cash; second prize is \$150 cash. We have sold nearly enough tickets to cover the cost of the prizes, so anything you sell at this point will be funds we get to keep.

Raffle tickets are a good way to engage your out-of-town family and friends in our fundraiser. Need not be present at the fundraiser to win. So, if you wish to have some tickets to sell, please let me know. I will deliver them or drop them in the mail to you.

Tickets will also be available for sale the night of our event.

2023 Zonta Fundraiser Raffle Ticket


NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**March 3, 2023 Drawing**  
Need not be present to win

*Fundraising to*  
**CANCEL OUT**  
Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking,  
and Gender Inequity



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**\$5 each**  
**5 tickets for \$20**

**\$350 Cash 1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
**\$150 Cash 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

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## You are Invited

**Zonta Club of Denver**  
**Book Club with**  
**New York Times Best-selling Author**

# Lisa See

*Please join us via Zoom to discuss her work, "The Island of Sea Women."*

**Tuesday** **Starts at**  
**February 21** **5 p.m. MT**

**Make a reservation by February 6**

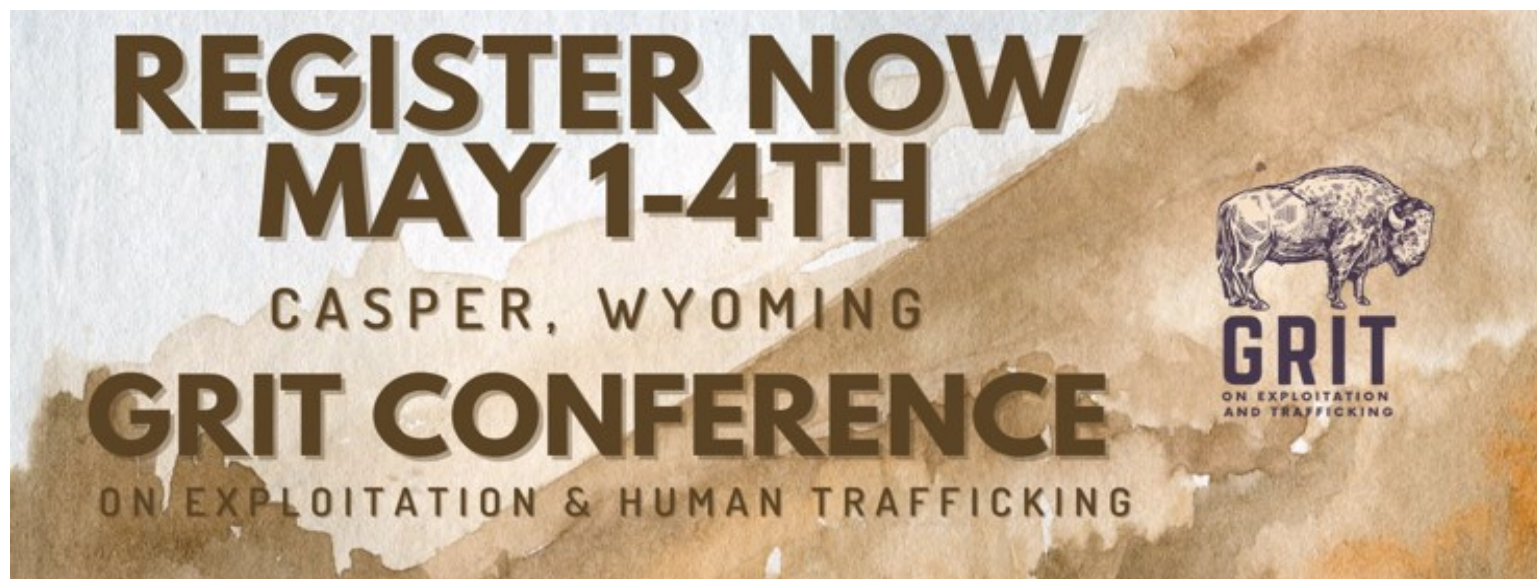
Spaces reserved in order received. Be sure to act before all slots are full. Zoom link will be provided with your confirmation.

## ADVOCACY MEETING

The next Club Advocacy meeting is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Denise's home (2829 Deming Blvd.) All Club Members are welcome to attend. We especially welcome you if you are a newer member and wish to find out more about some of the upcoming activities we are starting to plan. There is no long-term obligation for attending a meeting. Try it, you might like it!



# Announcements



The Greater Rockies Immersive Training on Exploitation and Trafficking (GRIT) is brought to you by Uprising, a Wyoming-based anti-trafficking nonprofit. By fusing together the latest research, trends, and field expertise coupled with innovative immersive training, GRIT aims to cultivate sustainable change in how criminal justice systems throughout the Rocky Mountain region react to, investigate, and prosecute exploitation-based crimes. GRIT accomplishes this by using a multidisciplinary approach that targets offenders while providing holistic support for the victims of these crimes.



**JR Ujifusa**

Multnomah County District Attorney's Drug and Property unit and Human Trafficking Team



**Nathan Earl**

Public Health Consultant at Giant Slayer Consulting



**Kimberly Glaudy**

Project Coordinator, Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development



**Becca Cary**

Founder, Hands of Justice Speaker, Educator, and Overcomer Leader



**Christine Cesa**

Outreach Coordinator with the Avery Center.



**Cristian Eduardo**

Advocate, speaker, educator for anti-trafficking initiatives, immigrant and LGBTQ+ rights



**Pauletta Red Willow**

Founder & Director, Maggie's House, Bismarck Adult and Youth Human Trafficking MDT team; ND Tribal Subcommittee for Human Trafficking



**Maurice Washington**

Detective, Seattle PD High Risk Victims Human Trafficking Unit



**Chris Cuestas**

Retired, Tucson Police Department Consultant, National Violence Prevention Resource Center



**Ashleigh Chapman**

President of AFRJ® Human rights lawyer & social entrepreneur



**Katie Edwards**

Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln Interpersonal Violence Research Laboratory.

**CEU CREDITS AVAILABLE**

CEU's Pending:  
POST  
CLE  
NASW

**MAY 1-4, 2023**

RAMKOTA HOTEL  
CASPER, WYOMING

**REGISTER: GRITWYO.ORG**

Early Bird Individual: \$299

Early Bird Group Rate (3+): \$249



# Save the Date

CANCEL OUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
Fundraiser for Zonta Club of Cheyenne

March 3rd, 2023

Cheyenne Frontier Days Event Center

1230 W. 8TH AVENUE  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

ENJOY DINNER, A SPEAKER, A SILENT AUCTION,  
A LIVE AUCTION AND LIMITED VENDORS

Proceeds go towards the Comea Shelter Stages Project



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2023



## YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



### 1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award  
Varies by club

37 district awards  
US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: [zonta.org/YWPAAward](https://zonta.org/YWPAAward).

#### CLUB DEADLINE:

March 15, 2023

Club Award- \$1,500

#### SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Zonta Club of Cheyenne  
c/o Jennica Fournier  
[jennicafournier@gmail.com](mailto:jennicafournier@gmail.com) \*Preferred submission method\*  
PO Box 2135  
Cheyenne, WY, 82003

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.



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## CHILD MARRIAGE LAWS: THE NEED FOR CHANGE

January 2023

### CONSEQUENCES OF FEMALE CHILD MARRIAGE

A 70-80% chance of  
getting divorced

3 times more likely to  
be beaten by their  
spouse than those who  
marry at 21 or older

50% more likely to  
drop out of high school

4 times less likely to  
complete college

23% greater risk of  
disease onset including  
heart attack, diabetes,  
cancer, and stroke

Higher rates of sexually  
transmitted infections

Girls between the ages  
of 15 and 19 are twice  
as likely to die in  
childbirth as women in  
their 20s, and the  
newborn children of  
younger mothers face  
greater risks as well.

*Teen mothers who  
marry and divorce are  
more likely to end up  
living in poverty than  
teenage single mothers  
who did not marry.*

### WYOMING STATUTE § 20-1-101

**Marriage is a civil contract...to which the consent of the parties  
capable of contracting is essential.**

*Is a minor under the age of 16 truly capable of contracting for  
marriage and all its responsibilities and obligations?*

#### Minor's Ability to Contract (W.S. § 14-1-102)

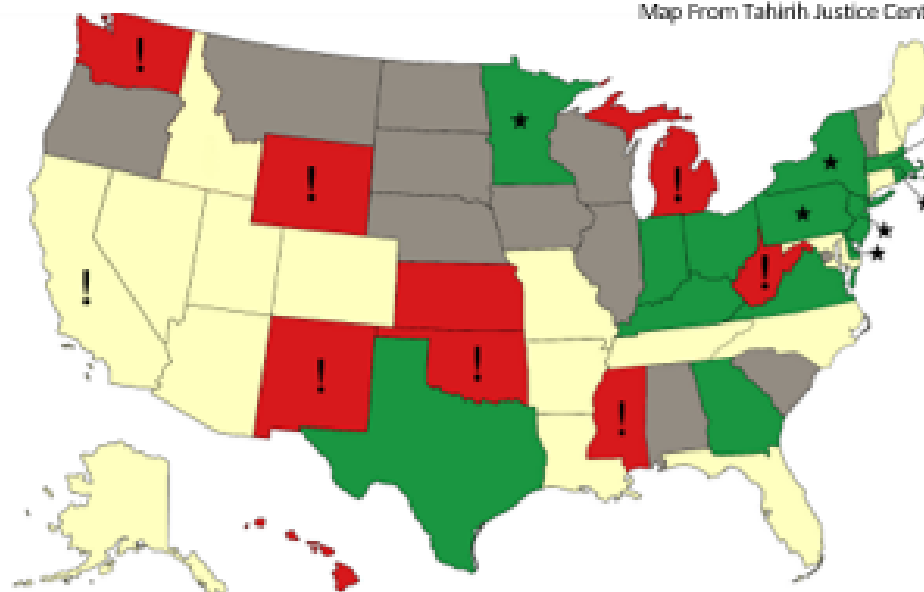
A minor has to be at least age 16 before he/she may enter into contracts.

So, why should someone under the age of 16 be allowed to marry?

#### Emancipated Minor (W.S. § 14-1-203)

In order to request emancipation, a person must be at least 17 years of age.

Map From Tahirih Justice Center



- Reforms set age floor of 18, no exceptions
- Reforms limited marriage to legal adults (age 18, or court-emancipated minors)
- Reforms limited child marriage by setting/raising age floors, setting maximum age differences, and/or instituting or strengthening judicial review
- No reforms to existing laws, which allow marriage at age 16 and older
- No reforms to existing laws, which allow marriage below age 16
- No age floor – if statutory criteria are met, there is no limit on how young a child can be married

# Building a Better World for Women and Children



**JOIN US!**

**Women's Fair**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 11:30-2:00**

**Cottonwood Room, Laramie Co. Library**

**Need Help? Need Support? Need Information?**

**Attend this extensive information and Resource Fair focused on WOMEN AND CHILDREN. Talk with representatives from agencies and programs that offer help and support for women and families.**

**12:00 Guest Speaker: Dr. Michelle Aldrich,**

**Dr. Aldrich will share Steps To Success**

**Hear ideas from others, as well**

**Make connections with groups offering skills and learning opportunities, along with important details about our community services helping children and family units.**

**AND get multiple chances for a \$100 give-away \$\$\$**

**Sponsors: Zonta, Volunteers of America, GUMC Social Action Team**

**Rally for Women's International Women's Day**

# 2023 Commission on the Status of Women

This year's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) will take place 6-17 March 2023.

Interested Zonta members may participate in person or virtually. Please complete this Google Form if you plan to participate, in person or virtually: <https://forms.gle/ozgiCHKa13u5S7sG9>. This list will be used to share information about the CSW as Zonta plans continue to develop in the coming months.

Members can register now for the NGO CSW Forum: [https://whova.com/portal/registration/ngocs1\\_202303/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/ngocs1_202303/). Registration is free.

## New This Year: Zonta CSW Study Groups

To prepare for the CSW, Zonta International UN Committee Chair Pamela Morgan will host a series of study groups on topics related to the priority theme of the CSW, *Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls*. Links to register are below.

- Zonta CSW Study Group Session One was held 14 December, 9:00 a.m. CST: United Nations Transforming Education Summit. If you missed it, there will be a link on the ZI website. In the meantime, to learn more about Zonta's involvement in CSW, review the information found here: [https://www.zonta.org/Web/My\\_Zonta/Tools/UN%20Tools](https://www.zonta.org/Web/My_Zonta/Tools/UN%20Tools).
- Zonta CSW Study Group Session Two, 11 January, 9:00 a.m. CST: Secretary-General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0rcO-tqDgjHNbThgD0iLe58q9re1nYs09G>
- Zonta CSW Study Group Session Three, 8 February, 9:00 a.m. CST: UNESCO's 2023 Global Education Monitoring Report – Technology and education: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAlcumtpz4rGt37BG7F-uQnPUrt9rCDcfqF>

## Zonta Pre-CSW Virtual Orientation

Zonta International will also host a virtual CSW Orientation on Thursday, 23 February, at 9:00 a.m. for all in person and virtual Zonta attendees. Please register in advance: [https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0of-mrqTspGtD-CB1\\_xfdGhBONqB9k7J1k](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0of-mrqTspGtD-CB1_xfdGhBONqB9k7J1k).

More information will be shared as it becomes available; however, if you have any immediate questions, please contact me.

Mary Benoit  
District 12 UN Chair





# Treasurer's Report

Date: 1/31/2023						
Type	Date	Number	Name	Cleared	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						\$ 1,890.13
Cleared Transactions						
paypal	12/28/2022		Dues to ZI	12/29/22	\$ (186.00)	
Check	12/21/2022	1556	Barbara World - WSWW	12/30/22	\$ (26.58)	
Check	12/22/2022	1557	Trophy Creative	01/03/23	\$ (18.00)	
Check	12/28/2022	1558	dues to D12	01/09/23	\$ (129.00)	
Checks and Payments						
Total Checks and Payments					\$ (359.58)	
Deposits and Credits						
Deposit	1/6/2023		Foundation Reimbursement		\$ 1,000.00	
Deposit	1/6/2023		Foundation Reimbursement		\$ 3,020.00	
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ 4,020.00	
Total Cleared Transactions					\$ 3,660.42	\$ 3,660.42
Cleared Balance						\$ 5,550.55
Register Balance						\$ 1,890.13
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments						
Total Checks and Payments					\$ -	
Deposits and Credits						
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ -	
Total Deposits and Credits					\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance						\$ 5,550.55

## 2023 Club Officers And Board

**President:** Michelle Aldrich

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**Vice President:** Belinda Sawyer

[belindawyohomes@gmail.com](mailto:belindawyohomes@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Kathy Scigliano

[Kathyswyohomes@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathyswyohomes@yahoo.com)

**Treasurer:** Dasa Robertson

[Dasagwen@yahoo.com](mailto:Dasagwen@yahoo.com)

### Board Directors:

Betty Abernethy

Kathy Orr

Mary Walker

Rebecca Reid

Ilaine Brown

### Nominating Committee

Ann Erdmann

Kathy Starr

Melissa Martin

### Committee Chairs

Advocacy: Denise Parrish

Communication:

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership: Betty Abernethy

Service:

Zonta International Foundation for Women

Ambassador: Mary Walker

Club Historian: Linda Bogart



*Rebecca Reid* 2/1

*Nancy Freudenthal* 2/5

*Kathleen Starr* 2/9

*Darcey Harris* 2/12

*Amy Hernandez* 2/19

## Zonta Foundation :

Kristie Wilson, President

Linda Bogart, Vice President

Melissa Martin, Treasurer

Denise Parrish, Secretary

Ann Erdmann, Director

## Upcoming Events:

**February 6 @ 5:30pm** - Advocacy Meeting  
at Denise's house

**February 9 @ 5:30pm** - Zunco Night at Applebee's

**March 3 @ 5pm** - CANCEL OUT! Domestic  
Violence and Human Trafficking

**March 1 through 4** - Grit Conference in Casper, WY

**March 6 through 17** - Commission on the  
Status of Women