



**ZONTA**

CLUB OF  
CHEYENNE

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN

THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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# Zephyr

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Due May 20th!



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## Message from the President

Spring is in the air! I am so glad to see moisture that is not frozen! May is an exciting month for Zonta of Cheyenne!

At our May dinner meeting, we will be showing our appreciation to our members who have served on our board and are finishing their terms. A huge thank you to Mary Walker who has a great Zonta resume and has served nearly every club role during her years of membership. Thank you to Ilaine Brown for jumping in and serving on the board to fill an unexpired term as a new member.

We will also initiate our new members. Our membership committee does an amazing job and I think we have 12 new members to initiate although by the time we meet, it may be more since our membership committee is always working to help identify and recruit members who are like

-minded! We will also celebrate our Zontian of the Year - a member who has repeatedly gone above and beyond promoting and participating in our club and community!

We will also recognize our YWPA scholarship winner selected by Jennica Fournier of the scholarship committee and members who volunteered to review applications. We also will be able to present a check to COMEA with the Foundation for \$20,000 to fund the new medical clinic at Stages!

Just one more way that Zonta is making a difference in the lives of individuals in our community!

You won't want to miss this great evening at Paris West on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to arrive and order your dinner between 5:30 and 6 p.m. so we can start promptly at 6 pm.

As we wrap up this club year and prepare for the next I am excited to see what we will accomplish in 2023-2024!





# GRIT CONFERENCE

## ON EXPLOITATION & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**WWW.GRITWYO.ORG**  
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION  
IS OPEN NOW!  
INDIVIDUAL \$299  
GROUP \$249



**MAY 1-4, 2023**  
**RAMKOTA HOTEL**  
**CASPER, WYOMING**

### **GRIT 2023 is almost here!**

Join us for a cutting-edge human trafficking and exploitation conference that will explore new strategies, technologies, and partnerships to combat this global issue on a local level. Engage with lived experience experts, industry leaders, and front-line authorities as we share our experiences, insights, and best practices. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, expand your network, and make a meaningful impact in the fight against human trafficking. Register now and be part of the solution!



### **2023 Topics Include:**

- Advanced investigations
- Investigations and building rapport on tribal lands
- Creative prosecutions
- Care model for working with survivors of exploitation and trafficking
- Working with trafficked youth
- Responding to commercialized violence against males
- Cultural competency in working with exploited populations
- Labor trafficking
- Drug-facilitated commercial exploitation
- Understanding and responding to familial trafficking
- And much, much more!

# Announcements

## **JOIN US ON MAY 6 FOR Zonta Says NOW to Gender-equal Climate Action Through Advocacy**

Join this virtual session on May 6, 2023 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., MDT. The session is designed to help attendees learn how to take the fear out of advocacy and put the energy in creating advocacy plans to address local and state climate issues and more. We will discuss your comfort level with climate action and learn how gender equality is an important element in helping reduce climate change as well as complement Zonta's programs – Zonta Says NO, End Child Marriage, and empowering women and girls through education. There will be a virtual field trip to the District 12 Zonta Says NOW webpage. Click here for more information: [https://mcusercontent.com/cc826c75cc9e0584f5a7c0bf3/files/a49ea539-475e-2c69-4b00-09ca3cd5a21c/Zonta\\_Says\\_Now\\_training\\_May\\_6.pptx](https://mcusercontent.com/cc826c75cc9e0584f5a7c0bf3/files/a49ea539-475e-2c69-4b00-09ca3cd5a21c/Zonta_Says_Now_training_May_6.pptx)

## **Safehouse Services Luncheon**

Safehouse Services will be hosting their annual fundraising luncheon on May 16 at 11:30am at the CFD Event Center. Tables and individual tickets are available by calling the Safehouse office at 307-634-8655. Also, raffle tickets are being sold for \$25 for one or 5 for \$100. The winner will receive two prime tickets to each of this years CFD night show.

Vermont just became the eighth state to end child marriage. Will your state be the ninth?

Take action at:

[stopchildmarriages.org](https://stopchildmarriages.org)



ZONTA USA



**TAKE ACTION**  
from your  
phone

Text ZONTA to  
50457 to receive  
advocacy alerts



**STOP THE  
MADNESS  
FROM  
SPREADING**

**ZONTA OF CHEYENNE  
ART CONTEST**

*Stop the Madness from Spreading* is the contest's theme and is intended to help Raise Awareness about Interpersonal Violence and its long-term impact on families, children, and learned behavior.

**PRIZE CATEGORIES**

Below Age 15

Age 15 to 18

Above Age 18

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$200

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$100

to be awarded in each  
age category

**PUBLIC RECEPTION TO BE HELD**

**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 5:30 TO 7:00 pm**

**AT CHEYENNE CIVIC CENTER**

Art to be displayed beginning May 18<sup>th</sup>

For minimum of one week

**ART TO BE SUBMITTED**

**NO LATER THAN MAY 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.**

**Most types of art welcome (no performance art)**

*Please include name, contact information, age category, and price, if for sale. Brief interpretive commentary on the art is welcomed but not required.*

**ART TO BE DROPPED OFF AT RE/MAX Capitol Properties  
4000 Central Avenue, Cheyenne**



## **YOUR ACTION IS THE DIFFERENCE**

**Ensure women have equal rights under the law**

**Support removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment**

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted students around the world. Closures continue to disrupt the education of more than 616 million students. The READ Act Reauthorization (HR 681/S 41) will help develop a comprehensive US strategy to improve educational opportunities and address key barriers to attendance, especially for girls, who suffer the impacts of this disruption to a much greater extent than boys.

Children of mothers with 12 years of education are 30% less likely to die before age 5. For each year of school completed, for a girl in a poor country, wages increase by 20%. Girls without education are three times as likely to marry before age 18 as those with secondary education. Early marriage is a high risk factor in acquiring HIV.

**RESULTS** Wyoming invites you to letter-writing event Monday, May 8, 5:30-7 p.m. at Cabrini Hall (the basement of Holy Trinity Church) to ask our Congressional delegation to sign on as co-sponsors of the READ Reauthorization and to support global basic education as part of the USAID budget. Additional information will be available along with writing materials--pens and paper. Coffee and nibbles will also be available to see you through to a late supper, Feel free to invite others who care about global education.

**For more information, call Ann Erdmann, 421-1518.**

**Zonta's Annual Art Contest Reception is May 22nd from 5:30-7:00 at the Civic Center.** Contest entries will be displayed, the winners will be awarded and refreshments will be served. **SAVE THE DATE!!!** Come help us support the artists that are helping support Raising Awareness for Interpersonal Violence and its Long-Term Effect on Women, Children, and Learned Behavior! **STOP THE MADNESS FROM SPREAD-**

**Zonta's Paint Date will be JUNE 1st at the FLYDRAGON Studio.** The Art Committee is hosting an evening of painting and expressing our own awareness of issues affecting interpersonal relationships, and hope for better days. **REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

# Treasurer's Report

| Date: 04/30/2023           |           |        |                          |          |               |               |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Type                       | Date      | Number | Name                     | Cleared  | Amount        | Balance       |
| Beginning Balance          |           |        |                          |          |               | \$ 2,716.17   |
| Cleared Transactions       |           |        |                          |          |               |               |
| Check                      | 3/6/2023  | 4567   | Minuteman Press          | 04/03/23 | \$ (457.64)   |               |
| Total Cleared Transactions |           |        |                          |          | \$ (457.64)   |               |
| Checks and Payments        |           |        |                          |          |               |               |
| Check                      | 2/14/2023 | 4560   | Uhaul and Storage        |          | \$ (114.95)   |               |
| Check                      | 2/14/2023 | 4562   | Sophie Michaeli          |          | \$ (1,500.00) |               |
| Total Checks and Payments  |           |        |                          |          | \$ (2,072.59) |               |
| Deposits and Credits       |           |        |                          |          |               |               |
| Deposit                    | 4/1/2023  |        | Dues                     | 04/06/23 | \$ 555.00     |               |
| Deposit                    | 4/7/2023  |        | Donation TG/Dues         | 04/07/23 | \$ 602.00     |               |
| Deposit                    | 4/14/2023 |        | Dues/Rene                | 04/14/23 | \$ 196.00     |               |
| Deposit                    | 4/28/2023 |        | Foundation Reimbursement | 04/28/23 | \$ 7,000.00   |               |
| Voided                     | 4/28/2023 |        | Voided Check 4569        | 04/28/23 | \$ 325.60     |               |
| Total Deposits and Credits |           |        |                          |          | \$ 7,325.60   |               |
| Total Cleared Transactions |           |        |                          |          | \$ 6,867.96   | \$ 6,867.96   |
| Cleared Balance            |           |        |                          |          |               | \$ 9,584.13   |
| Register Balance           |           |        |                          |          |               | \$ 12,684.12  |
| New Transactions           |           |        |                          |          |               |               |
| Checks and Payments        |           |        |                          |          |               |               |
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| Check                      | 2/14/2023 | 4562   | Sophie Michaeli          |          | \$ (1,500.00) |               |
| Total Checks and Payments  |           |        |                          |          | \$ (1,614.95) | \$ 11,069.17  |
| Deposits and Credits       |           |        |                          |          |               |               |
| Total Deposits and Credits |           |        |                          |          | \$ -          |               |
| Total Deposits and Credits |           |        |                          |          | \$ (1,614.95) | \$ (1,614.95) |
| Ending Balance             |           |        |                          |          |               | \$ 11,069.17  |

# Member Meeting Minutes

## Zonta member Meeting - April

Austin from the unaccompanied student initiative gave a presentation about what they do - explained how they help kids from 16-20 who experience homelessness and help them graduate and get out on their own.

Denise gave the advocacy report - they have lots going on for coasters, and posters; got a response from East and South high schools for social media videos. They are purchasing some kits for in her shoes a teen version. They are working on the art project, the deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup> and the reception is May 22 from 5:30-7pm at the civic center where the art will be hung.

Dasa's treasurer report was given - we have an ending balance of \$2716.17

Belinda talked about the communications committee - they are going to work on revamping the website and getting more help with social media – Tracy Myers will be taking over the newsletter once Michelle Huff is deployed. Pam has agreed to take over social media. Meetings will be the second Monday of each month, next one is May 8<sup>th</sup> at Paris West at 5:30pm

Betty's membership report – member orientation was in March and was a great turnout – there are 9 new members. The committee worked on a policy for flowers and when they should be sent for occasions.

Belinda gave a report on Cancel Out - we made \$17,000 on table sales, \$9,000 on sponsors, individual sales was \$3675, silent auction items was \$3387, live auction was \$4550, raffle was \$1440, \$350 was given back as donations, wine grab was \$2150, other donations was \$1250- with a total of \$42,802 and after expenses we had \$25,977.83

Melissa Martin – reported on foundation information and they recommended that \$8500 be given to Zonta international, \$3000 was donated to Cheyenne Zonta and not needed to be paid back, \$20,000 will be donated to the stages project for the medical clinic. Also, \$7000 will be donated to the club for scholarships and other costs.

There was a motion from Linda Bogart for the \$20,000 to be paid to the Stages project, seconded by Dasa Roberts and Barabra World. We did not have a quorum so Michelle will send that out for an electronic vote.

Linda Bogart spoke about Hope Bags and how they have \$7000 for that and have been shopping and keeping up with those.

Michele discussed the area meeting out at archer as a reminder 9-4 April 15<sup>th</sup>

Kristy Wilson discussed Wyogives and asked if the club would like to participate. There will need to be a chair that will head that up. It was asked that she give a write up on what the chair would be responsible for doing.

Michele sending out an email for an electronic vote on the policy of flowers

Michelle talked about elections and positions being voted on and that she would be sending out an email for nominations and installation of officers in May.

## 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



*Denise Parrish* 5/20

*Jackie Snowardt* 5/20

*Mary Walker* 5/22

*Melissa Martin* 5/28

## Zonta Foundation :

Kristie Wilson, President

Linda Bogart, Vice President

Melissa Martin, Treasurer

Denise Parrish, Secretary

Ann Erdmann, Director

## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

### Membership/Communication Committee

May 1 @ 5:30pm

Paris West

### Communications Committee

May 8 @ 5:30pm

Paris West

### Member Meeting—Plan to Attend!

May 11 @ 5:30pm

Paris West

### Safehouse Services Luncheon

May 16th @ 11:30am

CFD Event Center

### Annual Art Contest Reception

May 22 @ 5:30pm

Civic Center