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Message from the President

Welcome to 2024! I hope you have all had a chance to recharge, relax, and enjoy those you love the most!

I received the latest edition of the Zontian this week that is filled from cover to cover with beautiful photos accompanied by informative articles about Zonta around the world! The Brisbane International Convention sounds amazing! The



four (4) goals of Zonta International are succinct and reflect why I choose to belong to Zonta. The article about the invisibility of women really rang true to my experiences where I have spent many years navigating the “good old boy networks” in my career in postsecondary education, secondary education and now as an elected official.

I love reading about the activities other Z Clubs and Zonta clubs are doing around the globe. How exciting to see the new Sheridan Club listed as the Zonta Club of the Wyoming Big Horns.

There is a sense of expectation in the air with the turning of the calendar page... What will Zonta of Cheyenne take on? How will we show up for the women and girls in our community? I look forward to our continuing journey together!


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The Rights of Women During Conflict

~by Jody Gostas

At the time of the attack on Israel by Hamas on October 7, 2023, I was alarmed by the reports of violent assaults, rape, and murder of women in Israel. I didn't see the statement of Zonta International issued 21 October 2023. Thank you to Renée Coppock and Denise Parrish for bringing these statements to my attention.

'Zonta calls, per UN Security Council Resolution 1325, on all parties to "respect fully international law applicable to the rights and protection of women and girls, especially as civilians." UN Security Resolution 1325 further "calls on all parties to armed conflict to take special measures to

protect women and girls from gender-based violence, particularly rape and other forms of sexual abuse, and all other forms of violence in situations of armed conflict.'"

For more actions we can take to advocate for women and girls in conflict situations, please refer to Zonta International's Statement on Women's Rights in Armed Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings.

Again, I want to thank our Advocacy Representatives for showing us the response Zonta International has taken to the horrific war crimes against women and children that have been committed in Israel and continuing in Gaza.

Zonta News

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



As I reflect on the year 2023, I am inspired by our organization's remarkable accomplishments. Our unwavering commitment to building a better world for women and girls is unparalleled.

With great pride, I acknowledge the outstanding commitment of those who participated in the [Every Member Every November campaign](#) by making a recurring gift or one-time gift to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Additionally, the celebration of the [85th anniversary of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship](#) is a testament to the unwavering Zonta Spirit to ensure that future Fellows reach their full potential. Our dedication and generosity should serve as an inspiration to us all to continue our mission.

These actions give me the hope we need for the future. Right now, we are seeing atrocious crimes being committed against women and girls across the globe, and it goes to show that Zonta is needed now more than ever to protect the rights of women and girls everywhere. Only when we unite our voices can we truly build a better world where no woman or girl lives in fear of violence. Throughout the 16

Days of Activism, I was inspired by all the stories I saw about Zontians [saying NO to gender-based violence in their communities](#). We must never remain silent when it comes to this issue. Remember to [share your stories](#) so that more people know who we are and when they see Zonta, they see hope and a brighter future.

As we look ahead, let us embrace the endless possibilities that the upcoming year offers. Your dedication to Zonta's mission is truly inspiring and serves as a reminder that together, we can make a meaningful difference!

Warm regards,



Ute

Ute Scholz
President 2022-2024
Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women

Zonta December Meeting

On December 14, after three long days of the thickest fog Cheyenne has seen in years, the fog began to lift just as the December Zonta Club meeting/Zappy Hour/White Elephant Gift Exchange was set to begin. The fun event was held at Belinda Sawyer's beautiful home, and she was an amazing host to all of us in attendance. Thank you, Belinda! We enjoyed amazingly delicious appetizers and drinks while enjoying each other's company and catching up on each other's lives.

As we were eating, Betty passed out the Zappy Hour Bingo cards which included really challenging squares, some of which stumped many of us. Near the end of the evening, Betty shared the answers to the Zappy Hour questions, and we all enjoyed learning more about our

Club and ZI.

Later in the evening, we began the White Elephant Gift exchange. So many fun, beautiful, quirky, interesting gifts were shared, including a brass statue of an elephant to which Dr Michelle became quite fond, until it was stolen by Belinda! But at the end of the exchange, Dr Michelle received the perfect gift for her two new rescue pups...a doggie stroller! Another interesting gift was received by Kathy Orr, and it included a box full seemingly unrelated items, which we later learned was swag collected from many, many conferences!

Thanks again to Belinda for hosting, and to all who attended, brought food, brought gifts for the Safe House, and to everyone who brought the excellent White Elephant gifts.

And Belinda, we'd all like to come back to your house this summer to sit on your patio and enjoy the beautiful view of the Cheyenne skyline!

More pictures on the following page...

Once the fog lifted, this was the gorgeous view from Belinda's patio. What a beautiful night!



We're glad to hear that Barbara World is feeling better and will have a positively great new year!

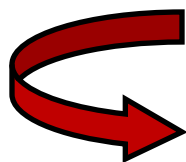


Zonta Club

*2023 December Meeting, Zappy Hour,
& White Elephant Gift Exchange*



Cancel Out Updates



Please read the following updates from the Cancel Out Committee:

- 1) **Dinner will be a plated, Italian themed meal. There will be a GF and Vegetarian option.**
- 2) **We are accepting donations for the *Live and silent auctions*. Let us know if you have a suggestion or know of someone who would like to donate.**
- 3) **This is an event for men AND women. We plan on having some *enticing auction items* that will interest all who come.**
- 4) **We are wanting every member to donate a *Gift Card* for our *Gift Card Tree* which will be part of the silent auction. Most of us have several just lying around:) Please bring the cards to our December Christmas Party or contact Betty Abernethy.**
- 5) **We are also needing *bottles of wine or liquor* for our *Bottle Grab*. Contact Betty Abernethy if you have a donation. You may also drop bottles off at RE/MAX (4000 Central Ave).**
- 6) **Denise has tickets for the *Cash Raffle*. \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Contact her to pick up the tickets to sell to your friends, co workers, etc**

Tickets will sell quickly! Get yours now!

Save the Date

CANCEL OUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
"IT'S HERE. IT'S IN CHEYENNE"

Fundraiser for Zonta Club of Cheyenne

March 8th, 2024

CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS EVENT CENTER
1230 W. 8TH AVENUE
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

ENJOY DINNER, SPEAKER, RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION,
BOTTLE GRAB, LIVE AUCTION AND LIMITED VENDORS

Proceeds benefit Zonta and Uprising


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Sponsor Form


CANCEL OUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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Fundraiser for Zonta Club of Cheyenne
MARCH 8TH, 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

\$1500 EVENT SPONSOR
Table of 8 with dinner, 16 drink tickets, advertising on social media, website and at the event

\$850 **\$75**
Table of 8 with dinner Individual seat and dinner

COMPANY NAME:
CONTACT NAME:
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:
CONTACT EMAIL:





*Please Make Checks Payable to Zonta of Cheyenne

Proceeds benefit Zonta and Uprising

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT:
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Announcements

**January Advocacy
Committee Meeting**
Monday, Jan 8 @ 5:30 pm

NOTE: New Location:
@ The Office Bar & Grill—the Garage Room

All are welcome!

MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING

Tuesday, Jan 2 @ 5:30 pm—Paris West front bar

This meeting will be working on how this committee can help generate interest in both the CANCEL OUT fund raiser and membership. I hope you can take a little time out of your schedule for a short meeting. We will start at 5:30 and I promise to be done in an hour. I know your time is valuable and I hope you will share a few minutes with us.

—Betty Abernethy

March 8, 2024 Drawing
Need not be present to win

\$5 each
5 tickets for \$20

Fundraising to
CANCEL OUT

Human Trafficking & Violence Against Women
(It is here in Cheyenne; let's work on its elimination.)



\$350 Cash 1st Prize
\$150 Cash 2nd Prize

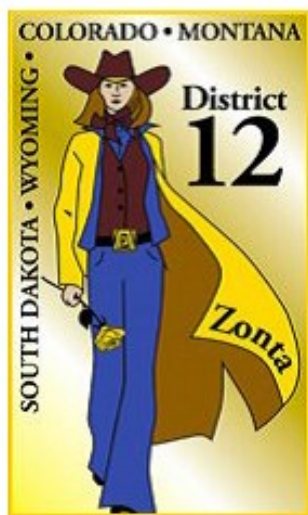
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CASH RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO SELL

Tickets for the cash raffle drawing to be held at the CANCEL OUT Fundraising Event are now available for sale. This cash raffle is a good way for your friends and family who are unable to attend the event to help out with our fundraising event. If you would like raffle tickets to sell, please email Denise at parrishzonta@gmail.com and she will provide you as many as you would like. Tickets are not available to purchase on-line at this time.

ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN UPDATE



I am pleased to announce that our District and only one other have the highest percentage of active recurring donors. Congratulations and thank you District 12!!

Please consider Zonta International Foundation in your yearend contribution giving. As an enticement to encourage more donations, below are new videos of the work our organization has done in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. Please share with your clubs and encourage new member donations.

New Project Videos

Her Health and Dignity, Our Priority

We have received new videos highlighting our work in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. This video

shares the highlights of the project over the last two years. Please share them at your upcoming meetings.

Papua New Guinea:

- Longer version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3bF3a48PEE>
- Shorter version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bcJOA7fe_Q

Timor Leste:

- Longer video: <https://youtu.be/Fj8JLUW1EdY>
- Shorter video: https://youtu.be/qRAp9Q_JSeo

I wish for all of you the VERY BEST the holiday season has to offer and a FABULOUS new year ahead!

Bridget Masters

Zonta District 12 Governor

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

December Zappy Hour Fun



The latest installment of ZAPPY HOUR was held during the December Club Meeting at Belinda's home. Thank you to Betty for creating the Zappy Hour Zonta (Bingo) cards and challenging all of us to learn and know more about our Club and ZI!

If you've yet to experience a Zappy Hour, please join us for the January event, which is TBA! Watch your email for an announcement prior to the event and join us for some fun and Zonta education! And it wouldn't hurt to locate your name tag if you've misplaced it, and be watching/liking/sharing our Club Facebook page.

Jody Gostas marking her Zappy Hour Card at the December meeting.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

in Colorado

Monday | January 22nd | 12:00-1:30pm

Location: LINC Library 501 8th Ave, Greeley

Please join the **Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT)** and **Northeast Colorado Coalition Against Trafficking (NECCAT)** for an important training on how human trafficking is impacting our state and region. This human trafficking awareness training will cover federal and local laws, identification and complexities of disclosure, and local resources to support survivors. We will explore root causes of trafficking and the myriad of intersecting identities, vulnerabilities, and social and systemic inequalities that can lead to trafficking. Understanding root causes and complex trauma is key to recognizing the crime in its many forms.



[RSVP to this event by clicking on this link](#)
or using the QR Code



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- **Anyone and everyone interested in joining the fight against human trafficking in Northeastern Colorado**
- Healthcare providers
- Behavioral and mental health providers
- First responders (Fire and EMS)
- Victim service providers
- People who work with systems-involved youth
- Law enforcement

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to identify human trafficking situations and potential victims
- How communities across Colorado are responding to human trafficking
- How to connect to local anti-trafficking and victim support resources and develop protocols to protect victims

The Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (combathumantrafficking.org) is a leader in Colorado's anti-trafficking movement. Since 2005, we have trained over 60,000 professionals and community members; conducted research to drive action and inform policy change; operated the statewide 24/7 human trafficking hotline; and developed over 200 future human rights leaders.





The 2024 Convention will be here before we know it and we are so excited to get together with you in Brisbane next summer.

We cannot wait to explore the beautiful city of Brisbane with you, and thanks to our friends at Kiff & Culture and It's Live in Queensland!, **[you can now book your pre and post-convention tours for 15% off!](#)** But do not delay, this offer is only valid through the end of 2023.

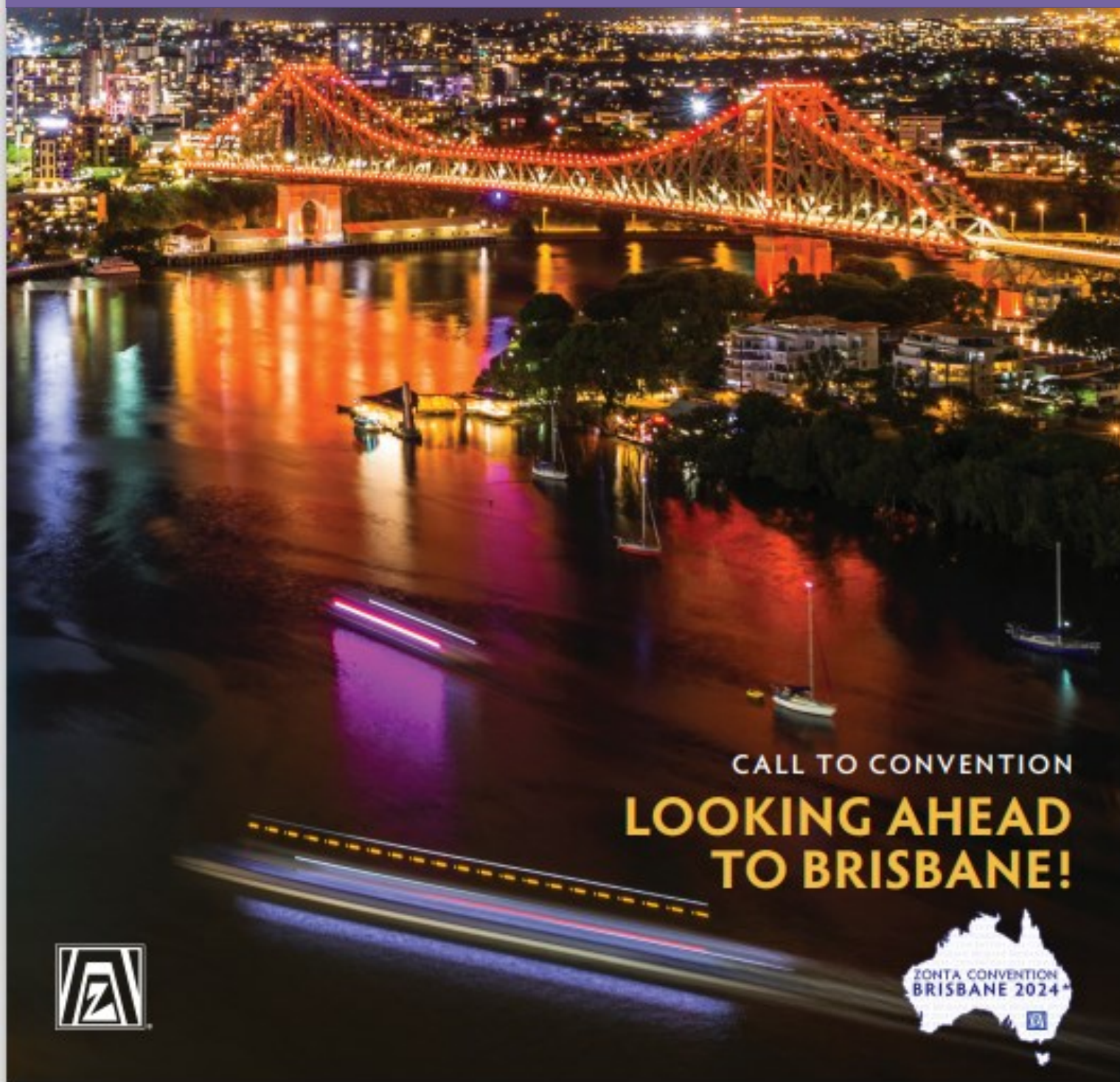
Read on below to learn about the incredible tours available.

www.zontaconvention.com/tours

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Zonta International Foundation for Women

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Laura Gorny 1/19

Candice Cathcart 1/20

Ann Erdmann 1/22

Debbie Richardson 1/22

Rene' Meisel 1/31

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Membership/Communication Committee Meeting

Jan 2 @ 5:30pm

Paris West, front bar

Zonta Board Meeting

Jan 4 @ noon

Zoom

Advocacy & Service Committee Meeting

Jan 8 @ 5:30 pm

The Office Bar & Grill—The Garage Room

Zonta Club Meeting

Jan 11 @ 6 pm

Linda Bogart's house—210 E Idaho St

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