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Message from the President

Happy Valentine's Day! Did you know that February is also Healthy Relationship month? Zonta members work hard worldwide to educate others about domestic violence and healthy relationships year around! As the legislature gets going this month you will remember that last year Wyoming finally passed a minimum age of 16 for marriage in an effort to protect our young women. While we had recognized that age 18 would be a better age for young people to reach before being married we were thankful to get something in the law that ended child marriage for young women younger than 16.



The legislature is in a budget session so we aren't anticipating that many bills will make it out of committee that are not related to the state budget. As we all know lots can happen and it can happen quickly. Ann Erdman has historically monitored bills and shared concerns to all of those who want-

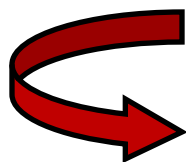
ed to be included in the emails she sent out. Ann is not able to do that this year so please let me know if you see or hear of any piece of legislation that you think Zonta needs to take action to support or oppose. I will do my best to get the information out to you so that you can choose how you would like to engage on that particular bill.

March 8th, we will be hosting our annual Cancel Out event, formerly known as Ladies Night Out. Please know that we have broadened our demographic, and you will see a growing number of men in attendance and the keynote speaker will be of interest to them as well! Invite your spouse or partner to join you for this event. Tickets and sponsor tables are still available but are going quickly. The expectation is that each Zontian purchases at least one ticket. If you are unable to attend, please purchase a ticket and invite a friend or coworker to attend with your ticket.

I look forward to seeing all of you there!

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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 are selling quickly! Get yours today!

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


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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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ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE
ATTN: SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE
PO BOX 2535
CHEYENNE, WY 82005



Updated: Women and children most at risk in armed conflicts.

More than three months after Zonta International issued its statement, condemning all attacks on innocent members of civil society and all forms of violence, **innocent civilians continue to suffer** as war rages on, not only in Israel and Gaza, but also in Ukraine and many other countries. Let us work together to raise our voices to demand an end to all war, killing, violating and trafficking

of women and children. Let us promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls everywhere in 2024. For more actions you 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**.

FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**National Dating Abuse Hotline
1-866-331-9474 or Text LOVEIS to 22522**

For more information, go to *love is respect* at

<https://www.loveisrespect.org/?s=>

A project of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, *love is respect* offers 24/7 information, support, and advocacy to young people between the ages of 13 and 26 who have questions or concerns about their romantic relationships. It also provides support to concerned friends and family members, teachers, counselors, and other service providers through the free and confidential services via phone, text, and live chat.

It aims to be a safe and inclusive space for young people to access help and information in a setting specifically for them. It provides comprehensive education through resources including quizzes, interactive pages, and testimonials, as well as training, toolkits, and curriculum for educators, peers, and parents to promote healthy relationships to prevent future abuse.

State of Wyoming 67 th Legislature

The Wyoming Legislature is scheduled to begin its budget session on February 12 th and end its session on March 8 th .

Proposed bills may be found at
<https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2024>

To find out who your House Representative is and his/her contact information, go to:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f086f052f28b4185a785f19344a057be/>

To find out who your State Senator is and his/her contact information, go to

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f086f052f28b4185a785f19344a057be/page/Current-Senate-Districts/>

If you wish to weigh in on an issue or proposed legislation, the best way to do so is to email your legislator. Legislators may be reached by email using their **firstname.lastname@wyoleg.gov**

You may also use the telephone hotline
(307-777-7881) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
on days the Legislature is in session.

JANUARY IS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

CLICK TO GET OUR RESOURCE PACKET. →

Follow us on social media for more National Human Trafficking Awareness Month content.

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facebook.com/truckersagainstrafficking **linkedin.com/company/truckers-against-trafficking/**



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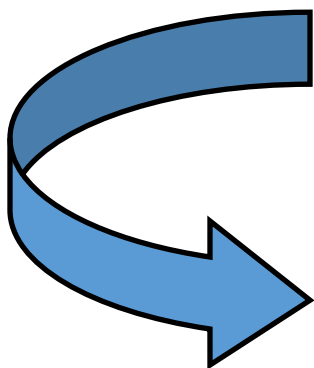
CANCEL OUT

tickets yet?

2024 Women's Resource Fair set for March 1

Seven of our Zonta members are helping plan the community Women's Resource Fair, March 1st. Members, please help spread the word and consider attending the Building a Better World for Women and Children: Women's Resource Fair at the beginning of the International Women's Day week.

See the flyer for details!



Questions?

Contact Kathy Orr:
orrkathy7@gmail.com

2024 Women's Resource Fair

Building a Better World for Women and Children

JOIN US

March 1st 10:30-2:00

LCCC ANB Clay Pathfinder Building Room 108 and 109.

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

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

JOIN US

Earn Chances to receive prizes.

Rally for Women International Women's Day

Sponsors: Zonta, Volunteers of America, GUMC Social Action

The Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office



**at FE Warren Air Force Base
will be bringing awareness
to Sexual Assault Awareness
Month
by hosting a resource fair
and 5K in the month of April.**

More information to come...

The Membership/ Communications Committee

**will now be meeting every 4th Thursday
of the month!**

Next meeting:

**Thursday, Feb 22
5:15 pm**

Location: TBA



Red Sand Project being planned for Cheyenne

The Advocacy Committee is planning to have a Red Sand Project in June. What is a Red Sand Project? A good subject to Google where you can learn a lot about it. The idea is to fill available sidewalk cracks with the special purified, sterilized red sand from the project to bring attention to the victims of human trafficking who have fallen through the cracks. We intend to expand our focus to include victims of interpersonal violence. We're hoping to have all of Cheyenne Zonta involved to some extent.

In June our Red Sand Project is set to make a powerful impact with pop-up installations around Cheyenne. These unique places will provide an opportunity for members (and friends) to actively participate in raising awareness about victims of human trafficking and domestic violence. You will choose a location that you think will have good exposure and that is conducive to starting a short conversation, you get permission to set up in front of the establishment, then sign up to secure your spot choosing a date that suits you. We hope to have a list of places that have already been contacted by our committee. See Jody Gostas or Ilaine Brown for more information.

Join the movement to create a visible symbol of solidarity against modern-day slavery and violence.



Take action to end human trafficking and modern slavery.

Join a global community of people who have taken millions of actions to fight human trafficking and modern slavery. Our partners at Freedom United have concrete actions you can take right now.

Area 3 Meeting and Amelia Earhart Luncheon

Please join the District 12 Area 3 members at the Area 3 meeting and Amelia Earhart Luncheon. You will meet 3 of the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellows who are attending CU Boulder. These young women are always dynamic and inspirational!

Coffee and beverages will be available in the morning. Breakfast will not be served. Lunch will include vegetarian and gluten-free options.

After lunch, we will hear updates from our District 12 officers and board members.

Date: February 3, 2024, starting at 10 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Rolling Hills Country Club in Golden, Colorado.
Hosted by the Zonta Club of Denver II.

[Click here to register.](#)

Announcements

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Advocacy Committee is scheduled for February 19th at 5:30 p.m. at The Office Bar and Grill. We have reserved "The Garage" as our meeting room. Please join us.

ALL ARE WELCOME. PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP PLAN OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS.

Membership/Communications Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 5:15 pm

Location: Westby's

We'll be discussing the new membership application and continue working on how we can promote Cancel Out.

Everyone welcome!

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.)



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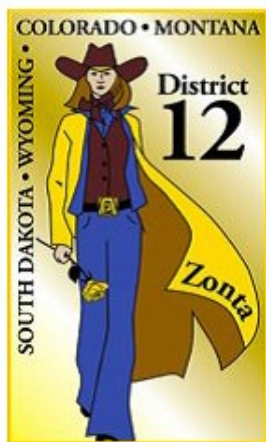
\$350 Cash 1st Prize
\$150 Cash 2nd Prize

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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.



DISTRICT 12 NEWS—CSW and YWPA

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 12 UN CHAIR

Greeting District 12 Zontians,

Happy New Year! I hope 2024 is a great and prosperous year for everyone. As usual one of the first exciting events of the year is CSW, the Commission on the Status of

Women. This is the 68th Commission, and it will be held March 11th to March 22nd in New York City at the UN and facilities close to the UN.

This year there will be many opportunities to attend and take part. You can go in person. I had been a few times pre-covid, but not since. It is very exciting and so interesting. You may also attend virtually, which is much more practical and realistic for most people. There will be events offered by Zonta, which should be a priority for Zontians to attend and support. There are over 500 parallel events that will be available to all attendees. Below is the information you need to get started. If you need help, please let me know.

Click here to [Register now for the NGO CSW Forum](#). It is free!

Use this link to access the **NGO CSW68 Tool Kit to learn about CSW and [NGO CSW and how to advocate](#)**.

Register to attend the [NGO CSW68 Advocacy Training](#) on January 24 from 7- 8 a.m. MST on Zoom.

[Add your name to the Zonta CSW mailing list](#) to receive information about ZI events and sessions presented by Zontians. District 12, represented by Renée Coppock, will have a session with ZI Vice President Fernanda Gallo Freschi and District 3's Joanne Gallos. Other panelists include ZI JMK Award winner Laura Ballerini, and Angela Natale, Presidente di Boeing Italia and Managing Director Boeing Southern Europe. Look for the zoom link at *CommonCents - Equal Pay for Equal Work* on the NGO CSW forum webpage.

There is more information that will be coming. We will send it to you as it is received.

Mary Benoit

UN Chair

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INFORMATION FOR YWPA APPLICATIONS

Dear Zontians,

Welcome to 2024!

My name is Jane May, and I am the stepping up to coordinate the **Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA)** Scholarship for District 12. Hard to believe but it is already time to be actively seeking applicants for the **YWPA** scholarships! Remember that Zonta International will now be awarding all District level winners \$5,000 and District 12 will be awarding \$1,000!!!

I am including a variety of links at the bottom of this email that will help you in your scholarship work. Please forward this information to your Scholarship Chair and ask them to forward the application and poster links to area high school counselors. The application from all club level YWPA scholarship recipients must be emailed to me no later than **April 1st, 2024**, to be considered for the District Level scholarship. The District Level recipient chosen from among the District 12 applicants will be forwarded to Zonta International by May 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Application:

<https://zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Tools/AwardScholarshipFellowshipTools/YWPA/YWPAApplication.pdf>

Helpful information and tools available on the ZI website:

https://zonta.org/Web/Our_Programs/Education/Young_Women_in_Public_Affairs_Award/Web/Programs/Education/Young_Women_in_Public_Affairs_Award.aspx?hkey=95bdfa33-5efe-457e-b3bb-9e9e59500161

<https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Tools/AwardScholarshipFellowshipTools/YWPA/YWPAPoster.pdf>

You must log in to your My Zonta to access these tools.

https://www.zonta.org/Web/My_Zonta/Tools/Award%20Scholarship%20Fellowship%20Tools

Jane May

Zonta Club of Prowers

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January Membership Meeting

Minutes edited for editorial purposes. Please contact Laura Gorny for full official minutes.

The January membership meeting was held at Linda Bogart's and Melissa Martin's house on January 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEMS:

Dinner began at 5:30pm. Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Dr. Michelle Aldrich.

Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the last meeting were previously presented in the Zephyr. There being no questions or corrections, it was moved and seconded to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was provided through the monthly newsletter. There being no questions or corrections, the report has been filed for audit.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy

The Art Contest reception is scheduled for April 15. Entries are due April 1. The Red Sand project is being planned for late spring/early summer. "What Was She Wearing" will take place at Laramie County Community College, April 1-8. The LCCC athletics program is looking for ways for participants to volunteer in some of our activities. The committee is investigating the cost and logistics of using coffee cup sleeves to share contact info we put on our coasters and posters during Cheyenne Frontier Days. Casper, WY is working on forming a Zonta Club.

Communications/Membership

We have not received any new membership applications. The joint Communications/Membership committee is working with the Cancel Out Committee to increase exposure of the event. The committee is looking for ways to recruit new members as well as retain current members and increase membership participation in various club projects and events.

Cancel Out

Cancel Out is scheduled for March 8 at the CFD Event Center. Terry Markham of Uprising will speak together with a male coworker who was a trafficking victim. Uprising is the approved beneficiary of a portion of this year's Cancel Out proceeds. We are looking for event sponsors and people to buy tables or individual tickets for the event. Cheyenne Frontier Days has agreed to donate the \$2,500 facility fee. We need donations of wine/alcohol for the Bottle Grab, as well as items for the Silent Auction (preferably at least \$100) and the

Live Auction (at least \$500).

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: The committee is working and will report at the February membership meeting.

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Aldrich reported about some legislation that Sen. Affie Ellis plans to present during the upcoming legislative session. One will be to limit registered sex offenders from going to commercial child friendly places. The other will be to create a statute criminalizing manual stimulation for money. We should be watching for these and do what we can to encourage our legislators to consider them.

January is the month we honor Amelia Earhart. Zonta is the only non-aeronautical group to which she belonged. Some interesting facts about her:

- o Born July 24, 1897, in Atchison, KS.
- o In 1928 she was the first female passenger to cross the Atlantic by airplane.
- o In 1932 she was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic.
- o In 1935 she became a visiting faculty member at Purdue University as an advisor to aeronautical engineering and career counselor to female students.
- o She was an early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- o In 1935 she was the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to California.
- o Also in 1935, she was the first person to fly solo from Los Angeles to Mexico City.
- o She disappeared on July 2, 1937 during an attempt to fly around the world. She was declared dead on January 5, 1939.

Members present donated a total of \$282 for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship at the conclusion of the meeting.

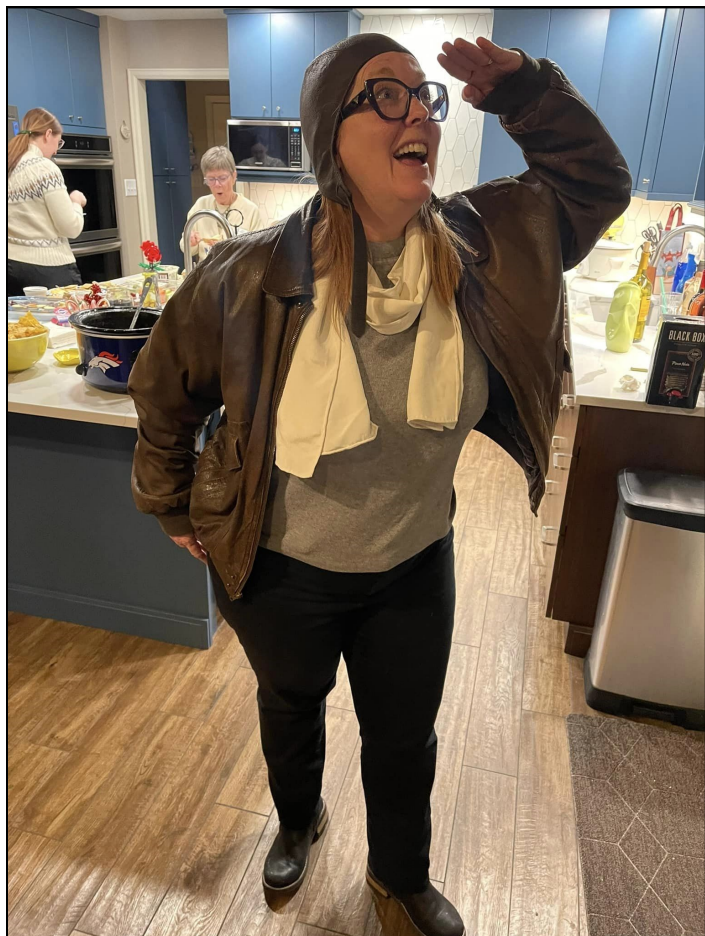
Michelle Huff, a Zonta Club of Cheyenne member, is currently deployed and is a member of the first all-female crew of a C-140 military plane.

Other new business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Submitted by Laura Gorny, Secretary.

January Meeting—Celebrating Amelia Earhart



Our January club meeting to honor Amelia Earhart was hosted by Linda Bogart and Melissa Martin. Thank you for the wonderful soup and hospitality!

Special thanks to Zontian, Kristie Wilson, who dressed as Amelia Earhart as part of our celebration. Kristie, you rock that look and we all appreciate you!



Also, several of us were wearing blue since it was the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.



Register now to secure early bird rates

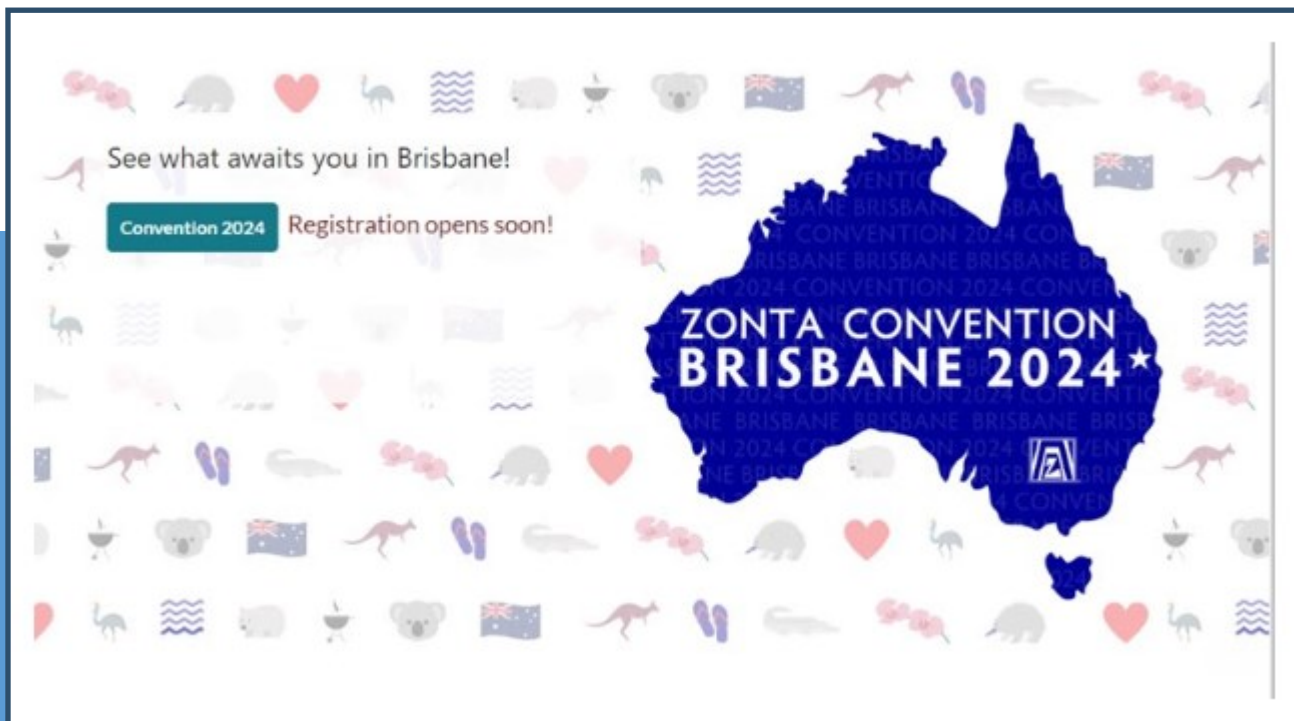
As a valued member of Zonta, we are excited to invite you to attend the **2024 Zonta International Convention in Brisbane, Australia**. We are all looking forward to experiencing the wonderful views, experiences and hospitality of Australia while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. We hope you will join us and register today for the **66th Zonta International Convention**.

Should you not be able to join your fellow Zontians in Brisbane, we are pleased to again offer a virtual attendee option and a virtual plus one-day on-site option for registration. This allows every Zontian the opportunity to participate in the way that works best for them.

To register, you will need your Zonta member ID, which is 193881.

Registration Link:

[Registration | Zonta Brisbane \(zontaconvention.com\)](https://zontaconvention.com)



Are you planning to attend the 2024 Convention in Brisbane?

We want the District 12 Zontians who are attending the Convention to have a way to contact each other and be able to coordinate meeting up while in Brisbane! The information will **only** be shared with District 12 Zontians who are attending the Convention.

If you are attending, please email: Kathy Cathcart (District 12 Secretary) at kcathcart@TheAlignTeam.org and provide the following:

- Zonta Club of which you are a member
 - ⇒ Are you the club Delegate?
 - ⇒ Are you the club Alternate?
 - ⇒ Are you carrying a proxy and for which club?
- Email address
- Cell Phone Number
- Hotel you are staying at in Brisbane, with check in and check out dates
- Date of departure from the USA and date of return to the USA
- Date of Arrival in Brisbane
- **Would you like a roommate? We'll put you in touch with a Zontian from District 12 that is looking for a roommate.**

Thank you!

Kathy Cathcart

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Kathy Starr

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Advocacy: Denise Parrish

Communication:

Finance: Kathy Cathcart

Membership: Betty Abernethy

Service:

Zonta International Foundation for Women

Ambassador: Mary Walker

Club Historian: Linda Bogart



Becki Reid 2/1

Nancy Freudenthal 2/5

Kathleen Starr 2/9

Becky Minnick 2/10

Darcey Harris 2/12

Amy Hernandez 2/19

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Zonta Board Meeting

Feb 1 @ noon

Zoom

Zappy Hour

Feb 1 @ 5-7 pm

The Office Bar & Grill

Zonta Club Meeting

Feb 8 @ noon

Zoom

Advocacy & Service Committee Meeting

Feb 19 @ 5:30 pm

The Office Bar & Grill—The Garage Room

Membership & Communications Meeting

Feb 22 @ 5:15 pm

Location: TBA

Zonta Foundation :

Kristie Wilson, President
Linda Bogart, Vice President
Melissa Martin, Treasurer
Denise Parrish, Secretary
Ann Erdmann, Director