



ZONTA
 CLUB OF
 CHEYENNE

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

February 2026

Zephyr

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Message from the President



Welcome to winter, we have been so lucky to have such nice weather to get out and about for the last few months.

Well... I think winter has come and it is much easier to stay out of the cold. We only have about a month before Cancel Out is here and there is still a lot of work to be done.

First of all, if you haven't purchased your ticket, please do. If you aren't able to attend, maybe give the ticket to your neighbor or a family member. Sign up to help before, during, or after the function. Like and share our programs on Face Book and Instagram. Donate a gift card, a bottle of wine, or items for the silent auction. If you have an idea for the live auction, see if you can line that up. All hands on deck.

Our February meeting will be focused on the Clothesline Project, this will be a feature at Cancel Out and should make a

big impact and bring attention to domestic violence in our community.

Thanks to Jill Randall for putting together such a fun Zunco event. If you were unable to attend, maybe next time. Watch your Zephyr for the next scheduled social event.

Welcome Shannon Ridge, our newest member. Shannon is a Pharmacist at CRMC and a friend of Cassandra and Jennica. We are looking forward to getting better acquainted.

Thanks everyone for all your help these past few months. I hope I am meeting the needs of the club as President.

Betty



70 YEARS of Community Service and Advocacy

Celebrating a Past Packed with Pride

District 12 members

Zonta Club of Billings

Zonta Club of Cheyenne

Zonta Club of the Black Hills

Zonta Club of Pierre/Fort Pierre

Zonta Club of Spearfish

Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills

Zonta Club of Glendive

Zonta Club of Laramie

Zonta Club of Fort Collins

Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County

Zonta Club of Denver

Zonta Club of Denver II

Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area

Zonta Club of Prowers County

Zonta Club of the Royal Gorge

Zonta Club of Greeley

Zonta Club of the Wyoming Big Horns



The Growth of Our District 12

[probably written in the 1960's by the District 12 Historian of that time, Mary Rausch]

"It was our second GOVERNOR, BARBARA CROSS (1954-56), who realized that a district only 2 or 4 years old was, like other pioneers, too busy MAKING history to take time to write it. It was Governor Barbara who kept our first permanent record, the District Scrapbook.

At the 1964 District Conference in Billings, the recommendation to have a written history was reactivated.

The early history of Zonta in the Rocky Mountain region was closely interwoven with the history of the DENVER CLUB. As you all may know, the Confederation of Zonta Clubs was organized in 1919, with 9 charter clubs - 7 of them in the state of New York. Eventually it grew to Zonta Clubs, Incorporated, and to Zonta International when Zonta chartered a club in TORONTO, CANADA in 1927."

1927 This same year Lindbergh made his non-stop flight across the Atlantic..... AMELIA EARHART did join the Zonta Club of Boston the next year.

From Zonta District 12 Sit

A Project from Our Past Do You Remember???

Historian Linda Bogart

When you have the right person at the right time...

everything else falls into place. At the Governor's Seminar in Lamar CO last October it was announced that Zonta District 12 was initiating a book project to honor the Centennial. The plan was for every District 12 member to donate a book for children to educate them on equality, women's rights, or cultural diversity. When this was announced at our October general meeting, Dr. Michelle Aldrich claimed, "I know just how to get that done" (which might be a little paraphrased). Budgetted request was approved by the Foundation Board. Michelle worked with the Library Media Specialist at Triumph High School Sarah Horen and the next thing you know, VOILÀ:



l to r: Kathy Cathcart, Area 2 Director (among other titles)
Sarah Horen, Triumph HS Library Media Specialist
Jody Gostas, factotum
Linda Bogart, Centennial Committee Chairman
And half the books purchased for the LCSD#1 school libraries*

- Book List
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson (K-3)
Spectacularly Beautiful by Lisa Lucas (K-3)
What Would She Do? By Kay Woodward (3-6)
Anthology of Amazing Women by Sandra Lawrence (3-6)
Shaking Things Up by Susan Hood (3-6)
Who Says Women Can't Be Computer Programmers
 by Tanya Lee Stone (K-3)

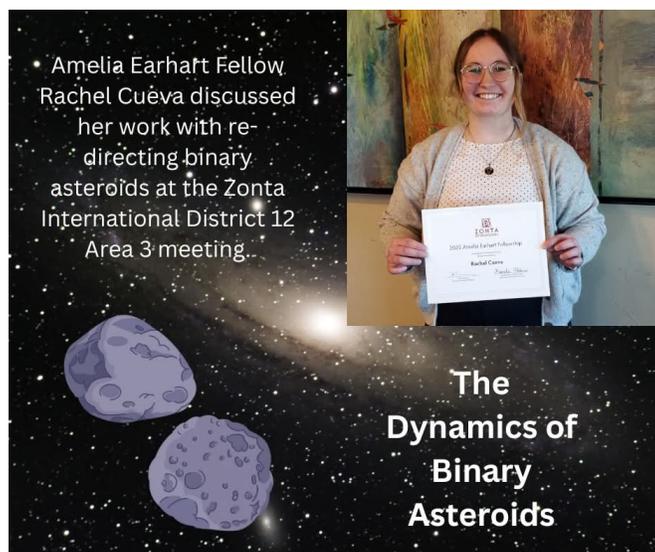


The other half of the books!



The bookplates that will go in the books.

Books will soon be distributed to every public school in Laramie County School



At the District 12 Area 3 Meeting

The 2026 Zonta District 12 meeting honored three Amelia Earhart Fellows and presented them with their wings. They were University of Colorado Doctoral candidates and Amelia Earhart Fellows Leah Kiner, Taylor Looner and Rachel Cueva (pictured above along with Area 3 Director Colleen Farrell, District 12 Governor Debbie Sunberg, and AE Chair Marcy O'Toole.)

Pictured below is Betty and Denise with the three Amelia Earhart Fellows, and our own Amelia Earhart presenting us with interesting facts at our January meeting



Kristie Wilson

>Amy Hernandez volunteered to speak January 20th on behalf of Zonta at Volunteer Day at Junior Leadership. The event was held at the Library at 11:45am. Way To Go Amy!!!

> Joelle has joined the Web Page team of Hanna and Shaina. Send them any news you want to share on our web site. Way To Go Joelle!!

>Angelina is making the Cancel Out PowerPoint. Thanks so much!!

Continuing Our Mission: Cancel Out Gala

"Help Us Pick Up the Pieces"

Amy Hernandez and Betty Abernethy are the co-chairs this year for Zonta's Cancel Out event March 6th. **The committee needs all of our help with our annual fundraiser. Here's how.....**

- Our speakers will be Ty Warner, singer and advocate, and Renee Hansen, survivor and therapist.
- Our local project will be SafeHouse: Move-Out boxes, clothing, and legal fees?
- **Silent Auction Items/ Baskets-** contact Tracey Myers or Kathy Orr
 - **Live Auction Items-**(Dinner out, Condo stay, Homemade meal, handy man job, Art Work, etc.) contact Katelyn Juare and Deb Eldridge.
- **Bottle Grab-** Lots of Bottles of Wine or Spirits and **2 Volunteers that night-** contact Betty Abernethy or Kathy Cathcart
- **Event Sponsors-** contact Katelyn Juare or Deb Eldridge
 - **Promote Event-distribute flyers and Vendor forms**
- ***Cash Raffle Tickets-**sell tickets beforehand, 1-2 volunteers that night-contact Denise Parrish
- ***Volunteers to Set Up (4+) Greet Guests(2+) Tear down (4+)**
- ***Donate Gift Cards-**contact Betty Abernethy

A Sign up sheet with the help needed will be available at our February Meeting.

- **Selling Tickets (\$75) and getting Table Sponsors (\$450 for $\frac{1}{2}$ table for 4-\$850 for table of 8) Tickets now available on Zonta's Website.**



Let Tracey Myers or Kathy Orr know if you have Silent Auction items and when you will get those them.

BETTER YET, bring the auction items/ baskets to the **February meeting** with a list of contents and a value amount.



Check These Out

February 2026

Board meeting - February 5, 2026 - Applebee's meeting room

Monthly Club meeting - February 12, 2026 - The Office (this meeting will be prep work for cancel out theme.)

March 2026

No Board meeting unless something comes up.

Cancel Out takes the place of a club meeting.

April 2026

April Board meeting - April 2, 2026 - location TBD

Monthly Club meeting - April 9, 2026 - The Office

May 2026

Board Meeting - May 7, 2026 - TBD

Monthly Club meeting - installation of officers and new members - Cheyenne Country Club.

All Board Meetings begin at 5:30 and we will try and keep the meeting to no longer than 1 1/2 hours.

Regular monthly meetings will be 5:15 if you want to order dinner, meeting begins at 6:00.

Clothesline Project

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SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US & WE WILL SHARE THEM WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
TELLING OUR STORIES ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Swipe to see why and how you can participate! >>>>

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
HOW YOUR STORY WILL BE HEARD

- You share your personal story about violence against women
- We put it on a t-shirt
- The t-shirt will be displayed at multiple community events for

See Example at: www.theclotheslineproject.org

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
3 Ways to Participate!

- Let us make the shirt for you!
 - Write your submission in the comments below (see guidelines!)
 - Email your submission to zonta.cheyenne@gmail.com
- Make your own shirt with us!
 - February 12th at 6 pm at The Office Bar and Grill
 - RSVP by February 9th to Zonta.Cheyenne@gmail.com and we will send more details!
- Make one at home
 - Email us at Zonta.Cheyenne@gmail.com to see how

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT
Guidelines

- No full names
- Do not name abusers
- No explicit language
- Length of submission must be able to reasonably fit on a t-shirt
- Must be on a t-shirt if submitting your own
- Examples of violence include physical assault, death, domestic violence, rape, sexual abuse, incestual abuse, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, verbal abuse, ect.

Deadline for Submissions: February 12th at 6 pm

STORIES ARE POWERFUL

THEY BRING >>>> HEALING AWARENESS SUPPORT ACTION

Swipe to see how your stories will be shared >>>>

Service and Advocacy

>We will not have a February Meeting.

>Our current advocacy project is The Clothesline Project. We sent a call for supplies. *This includes new or used t-shirts of any color or size that are plain and fabric markers if people already have them.* We will make these t-shirts at our February general meeting and display them at the fundraiser in March.

> If you know a young woman between 16 and 19 that you are not related to please, encourage her to apply for our scholarship, Young Women in Leadership Award. Details should be online shortly. By Jennica Fournier

The Clothesline Project



February 12th's member meeting will include the Clothesline Project!
Invite friends to attend and help us out.

Zonta's Young Women in Leadership Award

(formerly the Young Women in Public Affairs Award) recognizes young women, ages 16-19, for demonstrating leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

Since 1990, Zonta has given 1,165 awards, totaling US\$1,858,750 to 993 young women from 60 countries.

Zunco Night to Benefit JWill Project

16 vivacious players met on January 22 at Applebee's to apply their dice rolling skills in the fast-paced game of Bunco. 2 guests were among the members enjoying a fun filled evening tossing the maroon, butterscotch and cream-colored dice, munching on cheesy snacks and chatting with friends. The \$60 proceeds, along with last Zunco's proceeds will be donated to The Join the party next time!!! Cash Prizes!!!



Jwill Pink Village project.

New Name, Same Wonderful Person



Her new name is Samantha Kaan. She was married December 13, 2025 at Little America here in Cheyenne.

*Congratulations
and
Much Happiness !!*



Speaker at Cancel Out



Ty Warner is a Cheyenne, Wyoming-based performer, composer, and Air Force veteran who creates music focused on service and storytelling. He is known for releasing songs like "I Am a Veteran" and "[\[This is Not Goodbye\]](#)" and often collaborates with artists, including the Air Force Academy band Wild Blue Country.

- Splits time between Nashville and Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- Known for thematic, often patriotic, or emotionally driven songs.
- Contributed to "[\[The Cheyenne City Anthem\]](#)" and released "[\[I Am a Veteran\]](#)" for Veterans Day.

ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE

Member Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2026
6:00pm @ The Office Bar & Grill

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Betty Abernethy

Kristie Wilson – in honor of Amelia Earhardt

Kristie gave a brief presentation on Amelia Earhardt

Tracy – Treasurer’s report

Correction on treasurer’s report - 12/26 is the date that the report was submitted.

Kristie made a motion to approve the minutes. **Minutes are approved**

Jennica – Service and Advocacy

The Clothesline Project – a project in conjunction with a larger organization.

It consists of t-shirts with quotes of survivors of domestic violence. Over the next month, the committee is going to collect items for this project. During the next meeting, we are going to write the quotes on the t-shirts. The t-shirts will be displayed during Cancel Out. The goal is to have about 60 shirts to display. Mr. Fournier will be making a back drop for the display.

This month, the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship is open. Also the young women in aviation scholarship is open.

Membership and Communications – Jill

Next event – Zunco @ Applebee’s at 5pm on January 22. Need at least 16 people

Betty would like to donate the money from last Zunco to J Will Project. Money from both the last Zunco event and the January event will be donated. **Approved**

Cancel Out

If you want a table or tickets, you can purchase on the web site. You can mail a check, or give one to Denise. Denise said she will even drive to your house! Speaker is Ty Warner who is a local musician. Renee Hanson is also a speaker and is a survivor and therapist in town. Looking for a project that fits the theme of rise, recovery and reclaim. In speaking with Safehouse, there are certain expenses that are incurred when trying to “move on.” Safehouse does “move out boxes” that we could help with. We could also help with legal fees, etc. Safehouse can track these expenses separately if we donate the money from Cancel Out to them. See Denise’s breakdown of how the proceeds of the fundraiser is typically divided. If anyone has donations for Safehouse, they will accept them as long as they are new or gently used. This breakdown of the proceeds isn’t necessarily meant for every year. This is just what decided for this year. The distribution of funds depends on the project for the year. We need to sell tickets!!!

Amy Hernandez – The venue got a discount for \$580

Menu is chicken cordon bleu and honey glazed ham with sides. Caterer is Girls Gone Gourmet. There will be vegan options. We still need silent auction items. Flying S Titles is a drop off spot for donations. The speakers are listed above. In February, the committee will be asking for volunteers to help with setup, etc. We also are in need of a photographer. Kathy Orr is doing the decorations for the event. Kintsugi is the theme for the decorations.

We need 150 bottles and some high quality alcohol

New Business

Betty/Denise - Looking for a volunteer on January 20th to speak on behalf of Zonta at Volunteer Day at Junior leadership. The event is at the Library at 11:45am. Amy Hernandez has volunteered!

Ann Erdmann- Our administration has pulled out of several organizations that affect women and children. We need to let our members of congress know that the pulling out from these programs should not be representative of our desire to empower and protect women and girls. We want to affirm our commitment to these issues.

New Member: Shannon Rich



Meeting was

adjourned at 7:00pm

Submitted by Michelle Huff, Secretary



Announcements

February Member Meeting

February 12th
5:15- Dinner
6:00 -Meeting

The Office

Advocacy & Service

Committee

Next Meeting-None in February

Current Projects

Clothesline Project

Art Contest

Zonta Board Meeting

February 5th

5:30

Applebee's Back Room

Membership & Communications

Committee Meeting

Next Meeting- 4th Thursday

Place TBA

Come help us !!

CANCEL OUT **Committee**

***Needs all members to join in and
take part in planning
And helping!!!***

Check out our Website!!
Cheyennezonta.org

**Club fees and Cancel Out
information, plus TICKETS are
included.**

**Help collect items for
CANCEL OUT Silent and
Live AUCTION!!**

**Ask your favorite
Businesses!!**

2026 Club Officers

President: Betty Abernethy
bettyabernethy@gmail.com

Vice President: Jennica Fournier
jennicafournier@gmail.com

Secretary: Michelle Huff
mnrel30@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Tracy Myers
tracym1996@gmail.com10/23

Board of Directors:

Kathy Cathcart
 Kathy Orr
 Denise Parrish
 Samantha Fails
 Kristie Wilson

Nominating Committee

Ann Erdmann
 Melissa Martin
 (Vacancy)

Committee Chairs

Advocacy/Service: Jennica Fournier Finance: Kathy Cathcart
 Membership/Communication: Jill Randall and Betty Abernethy
 Zonta International Foundation for Women
 Ambassador: Mary Walker
 Club Historian: Linda Bogart



Nancy Freudenthal

2/05

Amy Hernandez

2/19

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Zonta Club Meeting
January 15th @5:15 for dinner
Meeting 6:00 The Office

Advocacy & Service Committee Meeting
January 13th
 Place TBA

Zonta Board Meeting
January 8th, 5:30

Applebee's Back Room

Membership/Communications Committee Meeting
 January 5th
 location TBA—watch email for details!

Zappy Hour/ Zunco

Watch for emails from ZontaFun@gmail.com!

www.cheyennezonta.org

Zonta Foundation :

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