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Message from the President



"Here it is, the 2026-2028 Zonta Biennium! This is our time to reflect on our progress, realign our goals, and renew our enthusiasm for Zonta's mission, vision, and

values.

I have been looking forward to serving as president of our club for quite some time, with a mix of excitement and just a touch of nervous anticipation. As I prepare, I've been doing what comes naturally to me: organizing calendars, reviewing bylaws, and creating to-do lists. When I step into the unknown, I lean on organization because it's my superpower.

But what makes our club truly special is that not one of us does this work alone. I will be relying on each of you and your unique strengths and superpowers to help lead us forward. Some of you have a natural gift for connection and communication that shines during fundraising and outreach. Others bring creativity and design, transforming our events into beautiful and memorable experiences with stunning center

pieces and gift baskets that motivate people to sneak back to the bidding sheet. Many of you quietly keep our club running behind the scenes—managing finances, maintaining our website and social media presence, coordinating events, and handling contracts with care and precision. Finally, a great deal of our members carry a deep knowledge of Zonta and have dedicated so much of themselves to our club, our district, and international efforts.

With you all by my side, I feel confident in our ability to navigate the next biennium together.

I am incredibly grateful to be part of a group of women with diverse perspectives, talents, and passions all united by a shared commitment to improving the lives of women and girls worldwide. I have so much to learn from each of you, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in this next chapter of Zonta."

*Jennica
Fournier*

*70 YEARS of Community Service
and Advocacy
Celebrating a Past Packed with Pride
And a future full of potential*



Zonta International Convention 11-14 July 2026

Zonta International President Salla Tuominen and your convention team in Vancouver, Canada can't wait to see you! [Join us 11-14 July 2026!](#)

If you are unable to attend, see the Virtual Sessions below.

Convention Virtual Sessions

June

You must be registered as an attendee to attend these sessions.

All pre-convention virtual sessions will be streamed through the Whova Convention App available on desktop and mobile for registered attendees.

15 June | 12:00 PM CDT
Whova Orientation and Training Session

16 June | 6:00 AM CDT
Bylaws Session #1

16 June | 4:00 PM CDT
Bylaws Session #2

17 June | 1:00 PM CDT
Blueprint for the Future #1

18 June | 9:00 AM CDT
First Timers' Orientation

22 June | 4:30 PM CDT
Club President Orientation

23 June | 12:00 PM CDT
Engaging the Next Generation of Zontians

24 June | 4:30 PM CDT
Blueprint for the Future #2

24 June | 6:00 PM CDT
Delegates' Orientation #1

25 June | 10:00 AM CDT
Speak Up! Inspiring Action through Zonta Says NO

26 June | 2:00 PM CDT
Financial Overview #1

29 June | 9:00 AM CDT
From Survival to Sovereignty: women's Access to Justice in Changing World – Is Justice Blind?

29 June | 6:00 PM CDT
Financial Overview #2

30 June | 9:00 AM CDT
Delegates' Orientation #

More details and Convention information are on Zonta International website

Welcome to our 2026 Officers.....



Our Zonta of Cheyenne Foundation Board: We welcome Linda Bogart- Vice President, Denise Parrish- Secretary and Ann Erdmann- President to 2026. Also Melissa Martin-Treasurer and Vickie Ingerle- are Board Members who were unable to attend.



Welcome to our 2026 President Jennica Fournier. Betty Abernethy -outgoing president -passes the Gavel at our May celebration.

Welcome to Secretary Barbara World: appointed by President Jennica and installed by Area 2 Director Marcie Woolworth.



Welcome to Joelle Ashley as our new vice president.



Welcome to our new treasurer, Vickie Ingerle. (See you at our next meeting)



Thank you to the outgoing team: Kathy Orr-Director, Tracy Myers-Treasurer, Kathy Cathcart-Director, Michelle Huff-Secretary, Jennica Fournier-Vice President, Kristie Wilson-Director, Denise Parrish-Director. Not shown is Samantha Fails Kaan-Director.



Congratulation to Michelle Aldrich, our new 2026 Area 2 Director. Thank you Tracy for collecting our dinner payments. Thanks, Denise, for the friendly wave!!



Welcome to our 2026 Directors: Jody Gostas, Kristie Wilson, and Denise Parrish. Olivia Salazar and Kate Wright are also joining the board.



New Members

New members, Micha Apodaca and Shannon Ridge joined our club during the Induction Ceremony at the Cheyenne Country Club, conducted by Marcie Woolworth, visiting Area 2 Director.



Club News

Art Contest entries are due JUNE 1st. Entries may be turned in to Flying S Title & Escrow office at 433 E. 19th St. These entries will be displayed at the Civic Center as part of the Friday Art Walks and featured at the Art Reception on June 17th. The 3\$\$ prizes will be given out at that time. Everyone is invited!!

June 2nd is the deadline for the Add Your Voice Campaign. Use our pamphlets to ask prospective members to join our club.

Zonta joins the annual community Food Drive. In August several community organizations will be collecting food items at local stores, August 22nd. Check for the sign up sheets to choose your times and places. **Volunteers are needed!!!**

- **Service and advocacy meeting** will be the 4th Tuesday of the month in June (23rd) at 5:30 (5:15 if you want to order food) at The Office- Garage Room
- **The club board meeting** will be the June 4th in the Sage room at Laramie County Library at 5:30.
- **Our general club meeting** will be on June 11th at The Office from 6-7pm, 5:15 if you are ordering food.

Young Women in Leadership Award

Our YWLA recipient was Alexandria Mitchell-Elsasset. Betty presented the award at our May 14th meeting.

Alexandria is majoring in math and psychology with a Mathematical Psychology degree. For fun she is reading 70 books, her favorite so far is *The Three Lives of Cate Kay*.

Her public service includes 750-800 hours of volunteer work at the Library. She enjoys working at the LC Library, giving out prizes to all the summer readers.



Posters and Coasters for C F Days: Major Job for Club

The Advocacy committee met to discuss the upcoming Posters and Coasters Project. The poster was corrected and phone numbers verified. The ¼ page posters were redesigned to give the most important information and will be put up in the port-a-potties on July 17th and 18th. Sign up sheets for hanging the posters July 17th and 18th will be available at the June meeting.

The coasters are ready to be printed, and club volunteers will sort them into 200 count baggies on July 6th, at 3:30 in Grace UMC's GRACE HALL. Sign up for this fun time!!!

These 20,000 ordered coasters will be given out in sets, to volunteers handing them out to bar and grills, and restaurants. Lists of bars and restaurants have been compiled, in groups by locations. Volunteer teams can pick those coasters up at Grace Hall on July 6th from 4:30-6:00, 2950 Spruce Drive (on Pine St.). Sign up sheets will be available at June's meeting. This is one of our major projects and with your help, we'll effectively support our mission to mitigate Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.



safehouse services

New Member Gathering
June 8th
Wagonhound Wine Company
1610 Capital Ave.
 Everyone is welcome to come and bring a friend to this cozy downtown establishment offering wines, small bites, and a delightful atmosphere. (FB advertise)
 See Letter of Invite p12

During the Safehouse Luncheon on May 12th, Betty presented our Cancel Out check for \$5,700 to the Safehouse Board President, and Carla Thurin, Safehouse Director. The donation will be added to Safehouse funds for grants given to clients.



Seven of our members were able to attend, showing support for Safehouse and all it does for women, children, and the community.



Bees Keepers: A Honey of a Job

Did you know Cassandra and Jennica are in the honey business. They process their honey from the honey bees they co-parent!!! Jennica says, "It's a ton of fun- our husbands took the caps off



the honey, spun it, and did the messiest parts, and Cassandra and I got it all into jars. We look forward to doing it again next year!"



WYO Gives set for July 15th

Cheyenne Zonta Foundation will be our sponsor this year. Members are encouraged to start finding donors and also plan to donate that day. Some donations will be matched while the WYO funds last. So donating at 12:01 a.m. that morning, donating at specific times like 3:07, and other specialty times helps our donations grow. Kristie Wilson will be giving out more information.

You Can Fly, too!

May 16th Stewardess Anniversary



On this day in 1930, the first airline stewardesses made their flying debut traveling from Cheyenne to Chicago and San Francisco to Cheyenne.

The Boeing Air Transport starting training the world's

first stewardesses in Cheyenne. When the airline transitioned to United Airlines, they operated the training school from 1947 to 1961.

While the original terminal building and airport fountain are already included in the National Register of Historic Places,

our Board is working on a new nomination for the 1961 terminal! Stay tuned for more updates.

all courtesy of Wyoming State Archives

01: First stewardess class in front of Boeing Air Transport plane, 1930

02: United Airline stewardess, 1937..

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[#cheyenne](#) [#CheyenneHistory](#)



Women in Flight Scholarship

Michelle Huff is taking the lead on the Women in Flight Scholarship offered by Cheyenne Zonta.

This aviation scholarship is for \$1,500.

This award is intended for female aviators who have completed at least 1 solo flight and have completed their written exams. The intent is to encourage women to continue their flying education with the goal of earning their Private Pilot's License.

There is also a Fly School coming, for female aviators given by local instructors.

Other Zonta Scholarships/Awards

**Women in Business Scholarship*

Lead: Cassandra Stith

Due to district: September 15th

Our deadline is August 25th

**Women in STEM Award*

Lead: Olivia Salazar

Due to the district: December 15th 2027

Our deadline is November 15th ??

This Award is given out every two years, but our Scholarship Committee is considering giving this Award every year, and coordinating with International.

**Young Women in Leadership Award*

Lead: Jill Randall

**LCCC Scholarships*

Lead: Jennica Fournier

Don't Miss Zunco with our Z I Guests

June 5th at 5:15

Applebee's -Backroom

Snacks and Prizes

\$15, with percentage going to a Zonta Project

ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE
Member Meeting
May 14, 2026, 5:30pm @ Country Club

Called to Order at 6:05pm by Betty Abernethy

Minutes from last month are approved

Treasurer's Report was approved

Denise Parrish

WyoGives

- A day of giving throughout Wyoming. The Foundation needs to be the fiscal sponsor because we are a 501C3
- We are looking to expand donors and donations
- Kristie Wilson – going to work on getting products that can be distributed to potential donors
- If you know of any local business that would do a “matching” donation, let Kristie or Denise know
- July 15th is the day of giving. The donations are all online, but save the date!

Food Drive

- August 22nd is the Food Drive
- This is the fourth year that Zonta has participated in this food drive. We partner with other volunteer organizations
- There will be a sign up for 2 hour shifts at various locations around Cheyenne

Art Contest

- 11th year for Art Contest. Theme is Domestic Violence: Rise, Recover and Reclaim
- Various prizes will be awarded
- Art is due June 1st. Drop off is at Flying S Title
- Reception at June 12th (Art Walk night). Art will hang in Civic Center lobby for several weeks

Kathy Orr

Safehouse Luncheon

- There were 7 Zonta members who went to the luncheon
- The food and guest speaker were great!
- The check was presented to Safehouse at the Luncheon \$5700

Betty Abernethy

Celebrations were announced

Guests – Marcie Woolworth Area 2 Director

YWLA Recipient – Alexandria Mitchell-Elsasset

Old Business:

- What is Zonta? Pamphlets were put out on the table about Zonta and what we do. Members can hand those out to people who are wondering what Zonta does

New Business:

- Had a late donation from a local business. \$500 donation from First Interstate
- Next meeting in June will be at the Office

Alexandria Mitchell was presented with her award of \$1500

Michelle Aldrich

- Moving into the Area 2 Director position
- Annual Picnic – Move to August 13th **APPROVED**
- Posters and Coasters distribution – will have to be coordinated for some time in July since we are not going to have a member meeting in July

Installation of New Members by Marcie Woolworth!!

- **Shannon Ridge**
- **Micha Apodaca**

Installation of new Board Members!!

- **Kristie Wilson**
- **Denise Parrish**
- **Jody Gostas**
- **Olivia Salazar (not present)**
- **Kate Wright (not present)**
- **Secretary – Barbara World**
- **Treasurer – Vicki Ingerle**
- **Vice President – Joelle Ashley**
- **President – Jennica Fournier**

Zonta Foundation Board Members

- **Ann Erdmann**
- **Denise Parrish**
- **Linda Bogart**
- **Melissa Martin (not present)**
- **Vickie Ingerle (not present)**

May 26 – Advocacy and Service Committee Meeting @ the Office
 May 28 – Membership and Communication Committee Meeting @ Betty’s house

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm by Betty Abernethy,

Zonta Club of Cheyenne - Treasurer's Report as of 05/26/2026

	Date	Check #	Debit	Credit	Balance
Ending Balance last Treasurer's Report					\$28,451.94
Checks Written					
Trophy Creative - Name Tags (Ashley, Apodaca, Hernandez)	5/14/2026	4694	(40.50)		28,411.44
Alexandria Mitchell-Elsasser (YWBL Recipient)	5/14/2026	4695	(1,500.00)		26,911.44
Cheyenne Country Club (May Dinners)	5/14/2026	4696	(804.82)		26,106.62
JubJub Inc	5/20/2026	4697	(90.00)		26,016.62
Deposits					
PayPal - Dues less fees	4/28/2026			528.37	26,544.99
PayPal - Dues less fees	5/5/2026			180.95	26,725.94
PayPal - Dues less fees	5/19/2026			166.47	26,892.41
Dues plus \$45 from Cinco de Mayo event	5/26/2026			346.00	27,238.41
Dinners plus Safehouse luncheon fees	5/26/2026			570.00	27,808.41
Dues plus 2 dinners	5/26/2026			3,007.00	30,815.41
Ending Balance					30,815.41

Cleared

Bank Balance is \$30,905.414, less one outstanding check in the amount of \$90 = \$30,815.41



'I Was Dead': How Eagle-Eyed Cops Saved Woman And Toddler From A Human Trafficker

Beaten and turned out to turn tricks, she was on track for a violent death when eagle-eyed cops recognized she was being trafficked. "People think it doesn't happen in rural states like Wyoming, but it does," trafficking experts say.

[Jen Kocher](#) (recommended by Jody Gostas)

May 24, 2026



Beaten and turned out to turn tricks, Kelley Marshall was on track for a violent death when eagle-eyed cops recognized she and her toddler were being trafficked. "People seem to think that it doesn't happen in rural states like Wyoming, but it does," says an expert. (Courtesy Photo)

The last beating was the worst. Her trafficker dragged Kelley Marshall by the hair out of the hotel room she shared with her toddler daughter and into his.

Marshall had learned to go still and take it; crying or fighting back only made things worse.

The beatings were almost daily, but this time was different. She'd broken one of his cardinal rules.

He hit her like she was a man, she said, all the while threatening to kill her. It went on for hours.

First, he held her head under the bathwater. When that didn't work, he poured alcohol over her body and said he was going to light her on fire.

He changed his mind and choked her instead until she went unconscious.

"I really believe that he thought I was dead," she said.

Marshall's trafficker seemed surprised to find her still breathing when she finally came to.

He told her that since she was still here, she might as well get out to the track and make some money, then kicked her out of the hotel room.

Off she went in her ridiculously short skirt, low-cut top and fishnet stockings — the same uniform she wore out on the streets, whatever the time of day, whatever the weather.



Trucks parked at the Wyoming port of entry just south of Cheyenne. Workers at ports of entry can be observant to spot signs of human trafficking. (Greg Johnson, Cowboy State Daily)

Last Day

How had she gotten to this point, Marshall wondered?

At age 25, it felt like she'd lived a lifetime. She heard her dad's voice, the same refrain that played on loop in her mind: she was no good and would never amount to anything.

It turned out he was right, she thought as she hobbled down the dimly lit street in San Diego with her face and head swollen to twice its size and bruises covering every inch of her body.

A patrol car drove slowly past her, braked, then backed up. A door opened and two familiar faces got out.

"We almost didn't recognize you," one police officer said. They wondered if she was ready to give up the life.

Marshall knew that if she went back, she'd be dead. She was ready, no matter the short-term risks and costs.

Her trafficker was arrested and she and her daughter, who was not trafficked, were placed in protective custody.

That was Marshall's last day on the streets, a fresh start from which it would take her nearly two decades to recover, beginning with the understanding that she had not chosen to sell herself for sex, but had been trafficked by men who claimed to love her.

Invisible Chains

One of the lessons Marshall imparts in telling her story is that most people in the sex trade did not arrive there by choice, they were coerced.

In her case, that coercion came wrapped in professions of love wielded against the vulnerabilities of a girl who had grown up in a violent home where her father had sexually abused her.

The chains holding victims are often invisible, she said.

Had she not been rescued — twice, it turns out — by well-meaning police officers who understood the dynamics of trafficking, then she would likely still be on the streets or dead.

Another key lesson that Marshall hopes to impart is that people can play a huge role in helping to stop sex and labor trafficking by recognizing the signs and reporting it to authorities.

This is why Marshall channels her own experience into educating others as a training specialist and survivor leader for [Truckers Against Trafficking \(TAT\)](#), a national nonprofit that prepares truckers, law enforcement, truck stop employees, port workers and other individuals and groups to identify and report human trafficking.

Announcements

June Member Meeting

June 11th 5:15- Dinner
6:00 -Meeting

The Office

Planning for CFD Posters and Coasters

(no July Club meeting)

Advocacy & Service

Committee

Next Meeting: **June 23rd**

Current Project:

Posters and Coasters

Art Contest Results

Next Meetings: 7/23 8/25 9/22 10/27 11/24
12/22

ZUNCO: June 5th

Art Reception: June 12th

Food Drive: August 22nd

WYO GIVES: July 15th

**August Meeting: August 13th
5:00**

Bring a side dish to share

Membership & Communications Committee Meeting

Next Meeting- 4th Thursday

Place TBA

Come help us !!

Check out our Website!!
Cheyennezonta.org

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

A proud supporter of Cancel Out and
the Cheyenne Zonta Club



**Wyoming
Human Trafficking
Hotline**


CALL 1-877-314-3776

TEXT Immediate Danger: Call 911

LEARN frontlineresponsewest.org
uprisingwyo.org

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*A better world for women and girls begins with
passionate leaders like you!*

The Zonta Club of Cheyenne warmly invites you to an evening of connection, purpose, and inspiration at our New Member Reception.

Monday, June 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Wagonhound Wine Co., 1610 Capitol Ave

Come meet our members, learn about our local impact, and discover how your unique talents can drive local impact and shape global change. Enjoy an elegant selection of artisanal finger foods, fine wines, and non-alcoholic beverages while connecting with passionate local professionals.

As part of Zonta International, our global alliance of professionals works tirelessly to empower women through service and advocacy. Together, we elevate their legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status worldwide.

Please **RSVP by June 1** to help us prepare your welcome. You may confirm your attendance by replying to this text or contacting Betty @ 630 – 4218.

Join us and lend your voice to a legacy of empowerment.

With warm regards,
The Membership Committee
Zonta Club of Cheyenne

Your Invite letter for potential members

**Domestic Violence
Hotlines**

LOCAL HOTLINE

CALL 307-637-7233

NATIONAL HOTLINE

CALL 1-800-799-7233
TEXT "START" (88788)

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HUMAN
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GET HELP REPORT A TIP FIND SERVICES LEARN ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS

WYOMING ASSISTANCE Call: 1-877-314-3776
Frontline Response- West

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT Immediate Danger: 911
Cheyenne Police: 307-637-6500
Laramie County Sheriff: 307-633-4700

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE Call 1-888-373-7888
Text "BeFree" (233733)
Live Chat HumanTraffickingHotline.org

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Zonta's CFD project, Coasters and Posters, to help eliminate domestic violence and human trafficking.

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 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



<i>Lynn Storey-Huylar</i>	<i>6/09</i>
<i>Shaina Newton</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>Kathy Orr</i>	<i>6/26</i>

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Zonta Foundation :

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Zonta Club Meeting
 June 11th @5:15 for dinner
 Meeting 6:00 The Office

Advocacy & Service Committee Meeting
 June 23rd, 5:30, Office Garage

Zonta Board Meeting
 June 4th: 5:30
 Place: Sage Room, LC Library

Membership/Communications Committee Meeting

location TBA—watch email for details!

Zunco With ZI: June 5th, 5:15 Applebees
 Watch for emails from ZontaFun@gmail.com!