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CHEYENNE

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Message from the President



"As our summer activities come to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful work we accomplished together. Our Cheyenne Frontier Days (CFD) human trafficking and domestic violence awareness campaigns were a great success. More than 300 posters were distributed throughout town and at the CFD fairgrounds, and 20,000 coasters were shared with local bars. While it is difficult to know exactly how many women and girls were helped by these efforts, the conversations these materials sparked made the work deeply worthwhile. Bartenders, and even some patrons, expressed sincere appreciation for what we are doing to support and strengthen our community.

We also have much to celebrate from WyoGives on July 15. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we raised at least \$2,885 for our club. While the final total is still being determined, these contributions will make a meaningful impact on the work we do and the difference we can make in the lives of women and girls. These issues do not exist in isolation.

When women and girls in our community are affected, our entire community, as well as communities around the world, are affected as well. At the international convention, we heard powerful testimonies from clubs and organizations across the globe that are working to address many of the same challenges, each shaped by the unique needs and cultures of their communities. Women and men alike are advancing our shared mission and vision by focusing on the areas where they can make the greatest impact. Progress can feel slow at times, sometimes a few steps forward and a few steps back, but progress is happening. Together, we will continue working toward a better, safer, and more equitable world for women and girls.

This summer has been a busy one, as summers always seem to be. I look forward to wrapping up the season with our family picnic in August. Please bring your children, spouses, friends, coworkers, and anyone else who supports you in the work you do. We are excited to meet and celebrate these honorary Zontians who encourage and support us while we attend meetings, serve at events, and continue this important work together."

Jennica

Denise Parrish and her husband designed this wonderful pin for Cheyenne Zonta's 70th Anniversary.

Our 4 ladies traded these at the 2026 Z I Convention for pins from other countries. Jennica now has more than 6 unique pins, including one from Australia.



Cheyenne Zontians

Yesterday at the Zonta International Convention, **Zonta Club of Cheyenne** received recognition for its generous contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women – the group helping to better the lives of women and girls around the world.



Current Zonta International Leadership



District 12 Attendees

A BRIEF REPORT FROM VANCOUVER:

*The Zonta International Convention
A view from Denise Parrish*

It was a remarkable group of more than 1,500 women (and a few men) who gathered together in Vancouver, BC for the Zonta International (ZI) Convention.

Nearly 25% of those who attended were first-timers to a ZI convention. Thirty-eight Zontians from District 12 attended including four from the Zonta Club of Cheyenne. It was a grand gathering, except when everyone was trying to get on the elevators at the same time!

On Friday and Saturday, there were opportunities to network with others, and opportunities to attend workshops on a wide variety of topics including advocacy, social media, leadership, and more. One of the things I learned was that telling a story (that often explains the "why" of an action) is 22 times more memorable than is just telling someone "facts".

Sunday was the official opening of the conference, a time when each country with conference attendees present was recognized. We also heard from war correspondent Sally Armstrong - a phenomenal speaker. She asked the questions,

"What if CEOs from large companies fired employees who are harming / abusing their partners?" and "What if churches talked about intimate partner violence as a sin?" She concluded with the thought that *Evil Thrives on Apathy*.

On Sunday, we also heard the State of Zonta. While, of course, there is concern about future finances and declining membership, the good news is that during the biennium, there were 30 new Clubs chartered in 6 countries previously without a Zonta Club.

There was also positive financial news during the biennium, with the Zonta Foundation collecting more than its goal and its general endowment reaching a balance of \$7.5 million.

A fun fact is that there are 186 members who have been 50 years or more, and nine of them were present at the convention.

Monday morning, the keynote speaker was Melina Laboucán-Massimo. She focused

her presentation on the terrible impacts that occurred in the indigenous community near the Canadian tar sands due to the drilling and a major oil leak that occurred. She also shared that *Violence Against the Earth begets Violence Against Women*. Her keynote was followed by a discussion about the proposed Zonta Governance Blueprint for the Future.

The afternoon was focused on proposed changes to the bylaws. There were numerous changes proposed both in advance and during the course of the convention. Some passed, some did not. This is a discussion for another day.

Tuesday began with a beautiful Memorial Service where the Zontians who had passed away during the biennium were recognized, as a string quartet played. This was followed by a keynote presentation by Michael Kaufman, one of the founders of the White Ribbon Campaign (an organization of men working to end violence against women). He discussed the seven P's that try to explain the cause of men's violence against women. *Patriarchal Power, Sense of Entitlement to Privilege, Permission, the Paradox of Men's Power, the Psychic Armor of Manhood, Psychic Pressure Cooker, and Past Experiences.*

The final business of the Convention was conducted, including passing the budget for the upcoming biennium, adopting the 2026-28 goals, and selecting the international service projects. This was followed by the installation of the new Governors, the new ZI Board, and the new ZI Officers. **District 12's own Renee Coppock, from the Zonta Club of Billings, is the new ZI Vice President.**

Congratulations are also due to our new District 12 Governor Deb Beatty. The evening was capped off with a grand gala where Zontians danced and partied the night away.

We are all invited to the next Zonta Convention to be held in Copenhagen - July 8 - 11, 2028.

Carrying Out Our 2026 CFD Project Against Human Trafficking

This year our hard working Zontians delivered coasters and posters to over 100 restaurants, local establishments and CFD restrooms and port-a-potties! Many places were happy to receive the coasters and reiterated their support.



On July 9th we held a Sorting Party for putting the 20,000 coasters in to bags of 200. Jody, Lind B., Barb and Kathy O. enjoyed refreshments and fun stories during the counting marathon.

The delivery of our Coasters and Posters to the many, many locations was completed by these wonderful ladies, Jennica H. and Michell H., Linda B. and her daughter Amy, Jody and Vicky M+ hubby, Amy H., Betty A., Karen R (our newest member) and Kathy O and hubby.



On the opening day of Cheyenne Frontier Days, July 17th, four members jumped in to action hanging posters in the restrooms and port a potties, with only 1 locked and 2 occupied. Thanks to Kathy O, Vicky M, Jill Randall, and Missie Martin.



Also, the CFD Committee provided a volunteer to help us with locked doors, thanks to Chairman Bull Singhe.

Kuddos to all the great volunteers and behind the scene helpers, and to the Cheyenne Club for supporting this important activity.

2026 WyoGives Surpasses 2025 Record

This year it was announced that Wyoming collected over 6 million dollars in donations on July 15th the 7th annual WyoGives Day, hosted by the Wyoming Nonprofit Network, a statewide celebration of the nonprofits that strengthen our communities every day.

Actually, the donations totaled \$6,430,117. There were 10,055 donors, 20, 489 gifts given and 525 different organizations participants. Our Club's goal was \$5,000 this year.



ZONTA CLUB OF CHEYENNE :

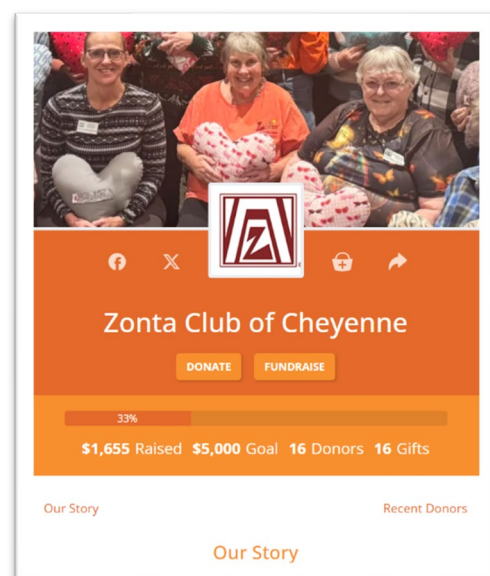
Total donations =\$2879.89

Hughes Charitable Allocation =\$886.00

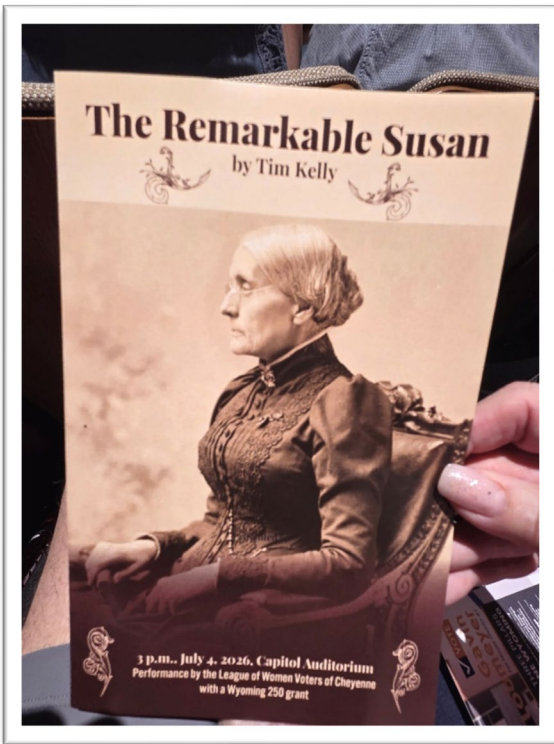
Total donations for 2026 =\$3,765.89

Number of donors 30

Number of donations 30



This is our 2025 Cheyenne Club results for WyoGives



Zonta Represented at our 4th Of July Celebration

During America's 250th Anniversary on July 4th, a very poignant and powerful play called *The Remarkable Susan* by Tim Kelly was presented at the State Capitol's auditorium.

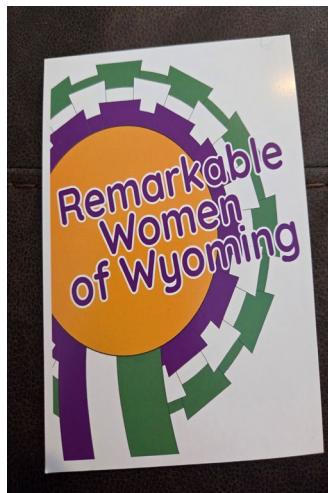
Among a list of outstanding actors was our own Joelle Ashley playing Mary, an activist supporting Susan B. Anthony's fight for Women's Right to Vote.

Playwright Tim Kelly wrote the play using trial transcripts and the court documents on proceedings against Susan B. Anthony and her stand on Women's Right to Vote, 1885 at the New York Court of Appeals.

Susan B. Anthony was played by Brenda Lyttle.

After the performance, several Remarkable Women of Wyoming interacted with visitors about their own honored accomplishments.

Our distinguished member, Judge Nancy Freudenthal spoke to attendees about becoming Wyoming's first female federal judge in 2010, among her other outstanding positions and accomplishments.



"After the performance, they announced that some of Susan B. Anthony's relatives were guests in the audience. To my surprise, I was sitting by her 3rd generation cousin, Brent Lathrop. Brent lives in Cheyenne. He also told me his family has ancestors that came to America on the Mayflower." Kathy Orr

Looking for a Zonta committee to join?

Consider joining the Scholarship Committee! It had been a long time since I served on this committee, and I was reminded what a positive and meaningful experience it can be. The LCCC Scholarship was one of Zonta's first scholarships, created to support a woman pursuing a nontraditional career path. This year, we were inspired by the number of applications we received and by the thoughtful process used to review each applicant's qualifications.

In true Zonta sisterhood fashion, a committee of six came together to do the work. Each member reviewed eight to ten applications, scored them, and selected



their top two candidates. We then gathered at Jill Randall's house, where each committee member shared their top applicants with the group.

Reading the applicants' stories was both heartwarming and uplifting. Their determination, sacrifices, and commitment to pursuing their careers were powerful reminders of why we joined Zonta and why this work matters. It is not always an easy task, but it is truly rewarding.

And of course, the cherry on top was Jill's wonderful hospitality, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and the chance to spend time working alongside other Zonians. If you are looking for a committee where you can make a difference, connect with fellow members, and feel inspired by the women we support, the Scholarship Committee is a great place to start.

By Linda Bogart

Club of the Future.... Coming to Zonta Org.

Zonta is looking to start a new club south of us in Pueblo, Colorado.

If you have any friends, relatives, or other contacts who might be potential Zonta members in Pueblo or southern Colorado, please send an email to Denise Parrish with their information.

Thank you for your help in expanding our network.



Jody's Annual Celebration Invitation



Here's an invite... FOR any and all to attend "Shots on the Porch" (SOTP) on **August 30** (it's a Sunday) **any time after 4:00** to celebrate the end of summer and change of seasons. It has become an annual tradition historically recognizing wonderful vodka we discovered on several trips and the joy of many friends.

It is at my house: 107 W 1st Ave.

Please come to gather with old and new friends!

Jody Gostas

Join Us for Our 2026 Anti-Human Trafficking Symposium

The Center for Countering Human Trafficking's 2026 Anti-Human Trafficking Symposium will take place August 18-19 in Arlington, VA. This free, in-person event will bring together industries, service providers, law enforcement, advocates, and federal partners who work every day to fight human trafficking. This year's theme, **Action is the Solution**, centers on best practices and real-world solutions that can be adopted and adapted across communities, agencies, and disciplines.

Register today to make connections and take part in conversations that can make a difference.

Don't forget

**The Club Family Picnic
South Lions Park Shelter
August 13th
5:30**



Michelle Aldrich, Jody Gostas

*Linda Bogart and Jill Randall attended the film
"She Cried That Day".*

Donna Angel was also in attendance.



Zontians attending
wy international film
festival

Zonta's Part of the Food Drive

On Saturday, August 22nd, Zontians will join in a community Food Drive to help collect food for two of our local food pantries, LCCC Student Pantry and Veterans Rock.

Last year we collected over 4 tons of food!!

Here are the links to volunteer

Here is the sign up for volunteering at the Safeway location

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AF23A0FF2-64708232-community>

Here is the sign up for the Albertsons location:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AF23A0FF2-64708328-community>

Here is the sign up for the King Soopers location:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AF23A0FF2-64708407-community>

Please donate 1 ½ hours of your time for this project.

Check These Out!!!!

- Food Drive volunteers needed for August 22nd. Look on links (above).
- Two members needed to serve on the Nominations Committee.
- Cheyenne Zonta's 70th Anniversary celebration in Oct.
- **Board Meeting: Aug. 6th**

Zonta Family Picnic August 13th

Join us

Thursday, 5:30 August 13th is Zonta's Family Picnic

At South Lions Park Shelter!!

Bring a side dish to go along with Fried Chicken, provided by the Board.

Enter the DESSERT CONTEST

Win the coveted

Best Baker's WOODEN SPOON

If you want, bring your comfy chairs, your special drink, and especially your family.

Drinks like soda and water will be provided.

A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE INCLUDED



Zonta Club of Cheyenne - Treasurer's Report as of 07/28/2026

	Date	Check #	Debit	Credit	Balance
Ending Balance last Treasurer's Report					\$18,798.78
Checks Written					
Trophy Creative	7/2/2026	4708	(40.50)		18,758.28
Denise Parrish-Art contest ,SOS filing	7/2/2026	4709	(717.35)		18,040.93
Zonta District 12- Membership Dues Bown, Spier	7/2/2026	4710	(200.00)		17,840.93
Paypal Zonta International	7/3/2026	Paypal	(350.00)		17,490.93
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Deposits					
Foundation check for venmo[dinner, luncheon, Rosetti dues]	7/2/2026			2,267.36	19,758.29
PayPal - Dues less fees Devon Gable	7/13/2026			195.43	19,953.72
Paypal - Lena Bacani	7/20/2026			100.00	20,053.72
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Ending Balance					20,053.72

Bank Balance is \$20,909.61, less two outstanding checks totalling \$855.89 = \$20,053.72.

There was no July Member meeting

Announcements

August Club Meeting

Family Picnic

Aug 13th 5:30

South Lions Park Shelter

Bring the family and a side dish. Chairs are a good idea, too. The Board will supply the Main Dish.

Advocacy & Service

Committee

Next Meeting: **August 25th**

At the Office Garage 5:30

Current Projects:

Food Drive

16 Days of Advocacy

Next Meetings: 9/22 10/27 11/24

12/22

Food Drive: August 22nd



See above for Sign-Up Links

Membership & Communications Committee Meeting

Next Meeting- 4th Thursday

Place TBA

Come help us !!

Check out our Website!!
Cheyennezonta.org

**The latest activity information,
scholarship forms, and contacts.**

A proud supporter of Cancel Out and
the Cheyenne Zonta Club



2026 Club Officers

President: Jennica Fournier
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joelledee@gmail.com

Secretary: Barbara World
bworldloveshorses@gmail.com

Treasurer: Vickie Ingerle
ingerlev@yahoo.com

Board of Directors:

Jody Gostas
 Olivia Salazar
 Denise Parrish
 Kate Wright
 Kristie Wilson

Nominating Committee

Michelle Huff
 Tracy Myers
 (2 Vacancies)

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



Jennica Fournier *8/25*
Jody Gostas *8/30*

Zonta Foundation :

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Zonta Club Meeting
August 13th: 5:30 Family Picnic
South Lions Park Shelter

Advocacy & Service Committee Meeting
Aug. 25th 5:30, Office Garage

Zonta Board Meeting
July 6th: 5:30
Place: County Library Sage Room

Membership/Communications Committee Meeting
4th Thursday of the month
location TBA—
Zunco

Watch for emails from ZontaFun@gmail.com!
www.cheyennezonta.org