

Outreach

Area 1 Meeting—Special Edition

Governor's Message

Thanks to all those who helped organize the Area 1 Meeting that was hosted by the Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills! Congratulations to the host club and the other clubs in Area 1 for organizing and facilitating this Meeting! We enjoyed the setting of Crazy Horse, a motivational speaker, a silent auction, club reports, wonderful meals, and were provided information about Zonta International and District 12.

Also, thanks to all of the areas for the wonderful area meetings this spring. What a joy it was to visit each Meeting and to hear about the fantastic activities in which you are engaged. Keep up the good work!

Also, below are friendly reminders regarding the ZI Convention:

Coming Events

June 4-6
District 12 Transitional Board Meeting in Cheyenne

1. Have you registered for the 60th ZI Convention in San Antonio? I hope that you take the time to review the wonderful program on the ZI Convention website. <http://www.zonta2010.org/>
2. Remember that your respective clubs should have selected your club delegates for the ZI Convention during one of your March meetings. From the ZI website ... Electronic Voting (for delegates): "It is imperative for delegates to attend the Delegate Training Session on Saturday, June 26. Please be sure to be here. We will be using small, state of the art electronic voting machines. While easy to use, delegates do

- need to understand the process so that business activities will flow effectively."
3. The 2010 Convention Delegate Registration and 2010 Convention Proxy Forms have been posted on the website. The forms can be found by logging into the website and are located underneath the "What's New" heading. These forms are only for credentials registration for the clubs. Other convention voting members (Zonta International Board, District Governors, Past International Presidents) need not complete the advance credentials registration.
4. District 12 will meet on the 25th of June at 3:15 (location TBD). All D12 members are

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asked to mark their calendars for the D12 photo opportunity that will take place at the closing banquet on the 30th. See you in San Antonio in June!

District 12 Governor
Priscilla Y. Romkema

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Area 1 Director Update

'Hats Off' to the Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills in Custer, South Dakota, for hosting a fantastic Area 1 Meeting. The event began on Friday evening with a fellowship mixer at Crazy Horse Memorial. This was a time to socialize and get to know fellow Zontians. Attendees were also encouraged to wear a decorated hat. Everyone stood up and introduced themselves and paraded around the room showing off the hat designs.

Saturday began with a welcome speech from Governor Priscilla Romkema, she spoke about the "Big Picture" with Zonta International and then brought it all back home to the local level. Next we all heard about the clubs and what they have been doing. Zontians in Area 1 are extremely busy and very dedicated to serving women and children in their community. I very much admire all the work they do from annual fundraisers, such as Spearfish Zonta's Festival of Trees, the Zonta Club of the Black Hills' EXPO, Pierre-Fort Pierre's Fall & Spring Craft Shows, Billings' Trivia Bowl, Sturgis' pumpkins, and Custer's Planning Calendar. Clubs also keep busy supporting children's programs, local women's shelters, and food pantries. The

clubs also work hard to award scholarships in their respective communities. The highlight of the club reports was when the Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills presented their Calendar Girls Skit, it was led by Cherry Luitjens. What a talented group of singing Zontians!

Incoming Governor Kay Meyer presented a survey asking Zontians to prioritize issues in their clubs and she also updated us on 2010 District 12 Conference activities. Incoming Lt. Governor Sheila Davis updated us on Zonta International Service Projects and Zisvaw projects. We also had time for Q&A that allowed all of us to share ideas for increasing membership.

After lunch Cherry Luitjens, our keynote speaker, presented "Dream-Believe-Achieve." Cherry encouraged us to spread the vision to other women, to contract the Joy Bug, and laugh and enjoy life. One of my favorite quotes from Cherry is "How Are You? I am super good, but I'll get better."

We wrapped the day up with more Q&A. A silent auction was also held and raised \$302.00 for the District 12 Jane Klausman Award. As always, I am very energized and empowered after being around such a dynamic and wonderful

group of women. I encourage all Zontians in Area 1 to attend special meetings whenever possible as they are truly inspiring.

Area 1 Director
Tracy Manning-Egge

2009-10 Area 1 Club Presidents

Billings
Anne-Marie J. Wade

Black Hills
Jocelyn (Jo) Prang

Gillette
Mary Downs

Glendive
Janna McCormick

Pierre-Fort Pierre
Laurie Gustafson

Southern Black Hills
Sherry Raffaell

Spearfish
Jana Selk

Sturgis Area
Teresa Forbes

Membership Matters—Area 1

Many thanks to the Members of the ZCSBH (J) Club who hosted such an enjoyable meeting! Here are the Membership Matters presented at the Meeting:

1. **Overview** – District 12 now has 605 members. We welcomed 41 new members this year.
2. **Club Membership Prizes** – The ‘*Lotto 600*’ prize was won by the Denver II Club. The \$50 ‘*Best Deal in Town*’ Prize’ (for % new members) and the \$50 ‘*Valued Member*’ (for % renewing members) will be based on the membership reports submitted through your club treasurer for May 31. Since Zonta Clubs usually do not sign up new members for the last 2 months of the year, all **you** have to do is help to retain members from this year to next!
3. **Outreach (SOM) Committees** – Two great teams are currently doing some very focused work for the information meetings. Don’t forget ... if you have a contact in Greeley or Pueblo, please let Sheila Davis or me know!
4. **ZI Convention 2010** – *We’re headin’ us up & movin’ us out!* Let me assure you a

Zonta International Convention is an occasion you will remember fondly for the rest of your life. Make time in your life for one! Please **e-mail me** the following info if you are attending:

Club, Name, E-Mail, Cell Phone, Hotel, Roommate, Arrival & Departure Dates

We will send this info back to you so it is possible for us all stay in touch during the Convention.

All Zonta Districts will hold District Meetings, including the installation of the new District Board Members, on **Friday, June 25, at 3:45 PM.** (We will also be trying to *corral* District 12ers for other camaraderie sometime that week—stay tuned on that!)

5. **Member Recognition** – At the Zonta International Convention, recognition will be given to Zontians who have recruited two or more members. Presidents needed to send in a form by 15 April 2010 for this to occur.
6. **Welcoming & introducing the Incoming District 12 Board** – New District Board Members in attendance were introduced. All new board

members were announced; they are as follows:

(See list on page 4)

7. **2010 District 12 Conference** – October 1–3, in Laramie, Wyoming. The vigorous, involved, and fun-loving Laramie Club is already planning some significant attractions—
 - ★ A Night at the Zontas
 - ★ Zonta Bootcamp
 - ★ Getting-to-Yes & civil dialogue
8. **D12 Membership Survey** – Input regarding Zontian’s views & priorities is being gathered at each Area Meeting. Area 3 participants noted many valuable ideas. All D12 Zontians will hear the results of the survey later in the summer. It will be used as the basis for district planning at the Transitional Board Meeting on June 4–6 in Cheyenne.

District 12 OMC Chair
Kay L. Meyer

2010–12 District 12 Board

Sheila Davis, Denver — Lt. Governor and OMC Chair
Carol L. Leffler, Denver 11 — Secretary and Historian
Bridget L. Masters, Fort Collins — Treasurer and Finance Chair
Mary U. Benoit, Denver — Centurion

Jocelyn (Jo) Prang, Black Hills — Area 1 Director
Mary K. Walker, Cheyenne — Area 2 Director
Marcy O'Toole, Denver 11 — Area 3 Director
Laura Stamp, Pikes Peak Area — Area 4 Director

Denise (Dedi) LaRue, Sturgis Area — Area 1 Vice Director
Heidi Lukowski, Fort Collins — Area 2 Vice Director
Debbie A. Squires, Boulder — Area 3 Vice Director
Nancy Billings Gerlock, Royal Gorge — Area 4 Vice Director

Tracy Manning-Egge, Black Hills — External Communications Chair
Anita M. Zastrow, Pierre–Fort Pierre — Internal Communications Chair
– *Susie Nulty*, Pikes Peak Area — Webmaster
Sharon Roggy, Pikes Peak Area — Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Chair
Priscilla Y. Romkema, Spearfish — Nominating Committee Chair
Renee L. Coppock, Billings — Parliamentarian and ByLaws Chair
Arlene Ekland-Earnst, Converse County — Service and Scholarships Chair
– *Connie Udem*, Glendive — YWPA Scholarship Coordinator
– *Susan Miller Sutphin*, Prowers County — Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Coordinator
– *Stephany Westhusin*, Foothills Boulder County — Amelia Earhart Fellowship Coordinator
Nikki Headlee, Denver — UN Chair and Foundation Ambassador

