

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, August 27, Masonic Temple, Noon

Please e-mail Del Paulson at mpdp@pie.midco.net to advise of attending/eating plans!

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Zonta International is a global service organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Zonta District 12's purpose is to build, develop, and maintain strong clubs through support, leadership, and communication in order to further the mission of Zonta International.

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre is a service organization dedicated to advancing the economic status of women and to improving the health and welfare of women.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you have had time to seriously consider attending the District 12 Conference in Colorado Springs on October 3-5, 2008. We will be electing a delegate and an alternate for the annual Conference at our August 27 noon meeting. If you are interested in attending, please send me an e-mail before 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27.

Don't forget to bring a backpack or school supplies (anything from the lists at the stores) to the August meeting for our Service Committee's school supply drive. If you are interested in contributing to this drive but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Carroll Forsch. Speaking of Service Committee activities, also please let Carroll know if you are available to help with our Zonta service project of preparing and serving a meal at the Community Banquet on September 25, 2008.

The Pierre Mall is sponsoring a "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" event on Thursday, August 28, starting at 6 p.m. The proceeds will go to Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center, which is one of the organizations that our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre supports. This event will have workshops that you can sign up for to do wine glass painting, scrapbooking, facials, reflexology, and massages. Plus, there will be wine and cheese, a taco bar, a fashion show, and dancing demonstrations to enjoy. I plan to go to this and hope you will too, as I think this would be a fun social event for our Zonta members to plan to attend. For more details, please see their flier at: <http://www.pierremall.com/images/girlswannahavefun.pdf>.

Our August meeting program will be on the subject of Women's Equality Day, which was first established in 1971. This day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave U.S. women full voting rights 88 years ago on August 26, 1920! It seems appropriate that we will have two voting issues at our August meeting—electing the delegate and alternate to send to the District 12 Conference and voting to approve our budget(s).

Hope to see you all this Wednesday at our noon meeting.

—Laurie Gustafson

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Jean ran the 13.1 mile *Leading Ladies Half Marathon* on Sunday, August 17, at a 10 min:43 sec. pace and finished in 2 hrs:20 min:25sec. Jean says that she has not run a competitive race since country school track/field days. She ran with three of her Y Instructor Friends who came up with a team name—the 4 Gs which stands for 3 Girls and a Grandma! Jean also plans to run a 10K in Worthington, Minnesota, on her 60th birthday next month. She and John will be on their way to a Vikings Game so it works out perfect! Jean says that the Fun Run/Walk around the lake in Fort Collins, while attending the District Conference there, probably prompted some of this and then listening to Elaine Doll-Dunn speak at last year's District Conference in Spearfish motivated her to start thinking about what Elaine wrote in her book that Jean bought—"Dream It, Dare It, Do It." Jean says, "So watch out, one never knows how Zonta may impact one's life!"



AGENDA for August 27, 2008

PROGRAM—Jo Riley,
Legislative Awareness & Advocacy Chair
Women's Equality Day presentation
Call to Order
Welcome Members and Guests
Sharing of THE COLLECT
Approval of July Meeting Minutes
File Financial Report(s) for Audit
Communications
Unfinished/New Business

- Approve 2008-2009 General Fund and Project Fund Budget(s)
- Elect District 12 Conference Delegate/Alternate

Committee Reports
Announcements
50/50 Raffle
Adjournment

MINUTES of July 23, 2008

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. on July 23, 2008, at the Masonic Temple. The call to order was made by President Laurie Gustafson; Kari Stulken read *The Collect*.

Program: The guest speaker for our Zonta noon meeting was Jodi R. Owen who is a licensed Psychologist and Clinical Director for Capital Area Counseling Services



here in Pierre. Jodi discussed the "Happy" Woman. She discussed building resiliency, having hope, radical acceptance of life, and social cohesion. These things all contribute to mental health.

Communications/Introductions: Anita received an e-mail from a member of the Gillette Zonta Club asking to help one of their members by the name of Char who is not doing well in her fight against cancer. Char is hearing from a number of Zontians in the district which has helped her greatly. Anita will send us both an e-mail address and mailing address if you would like to send a message to Char.

Laurie Gustafson mentioned a Newsletter put out by CUC mentions Zonta three times in the publication. This is a good way to get the word out about our club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 28—Anita Zastrow
Sep 4—Laurie Gronlund
Sep 12—Carrie Jacobson
Sep 13—Jean Lakner



Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by Anita Zastrow, seconded by Jo Riley. All members present approved the motion.

Financial Reports: The reports were sent via e-mail to all members. One issue brought up was the line item labeled Spring Craft Show Raffle. It should be "rent" rather than "raffle" so the report will be changed and resent.

Alison and Theresa will work on the budget to finalize it. We will vote on it at the August monthly meeting.

Committee Reports: We discussed political forums and agreed to continue supporting these forums by encouraging our membership to actively participate and to become aware of issues affecting the status of women.

Discussed donation of school supplies and backpacks. We were asked to bring something next meeting so that supplies can be given to schools for distribution.

We currently have 85 returns wanting the same booths as they have had in years past at the *Fall Craft Show*.

Banquet this year will be Thursday, September 25. BBQs will be the main item. Sign-up sheet for duties for this event will be circulated.

Old & New Business: Anita reminded us of the District 12 Conference. We will be selecting a delegate and alternate to attend the meeting. If you are interested, please e-mail Laurie Gustafson. Laurie will send an e-mail reminder out prior to the August meeting.

Looking for ideas for the August meeting. Jo Riley mentioned our meeting lands one day after Women's Equality Day. It has been 88 years since women received the right to vote. We will plan to do something at the Masonic Temple that day. Anita promised to bring treats.

Discussed updating our website. Jane Page will be in charge of doing this along with a couple of other individuals.

Theresa Burke won the 50/50 drawing.

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SERVICE CORNER

Several reminders follow regarding our Club's upcoming Service projects:

- Our Zonta Club will serve the Community Banquet on **Thursday, September 25, 2008**. We still need workers so ... the sign-up sheet will again be circulated at the August meeting.
- In addition, please bring backpacks and school supplies to the August meeting. These will be gathered, put together, and distributed to area schools.
- Missouri Shores is also looking for some assistance in organizing clothes, etc. If you are not able to attend the August Zonta meeting but would like to be involved, please call Carroll Forsch at 223-9988.

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Announcements: Kari Stulken mentioned the Pierre BB Gun Club took the National Shooting title this year. Several awards were given out to the team members and their alternates. Kari's daughter received the prestigious 4th place overall award for alternate shooters. Also, watch the Olympics. Trevor Cahill, nephew of the Stulkens, was chosen to play baseball representing the US.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Vonni Kallemeyn, Recording Secretary

SAVE DAKOTAMART RECEIPTS

Please remember to save your DakotaMart receipts for the **We Care** program recently initiated throughout Lynn's Dakotamart locations! When our Zonta Club has collected **\$10,000** in register receipts, all we have to do is bring them in to DakotaMart to receive a check for **\$100**. It is EASY! Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Peggy Cruse**. [Remember, we have already 'cashed in' our first \$10,000 in register receipts ... we are working on the second \$10,000!]

UPDATE—Peggy reports that she has received additional receipts so ... come to the August meeting to find out if we have our second \$10,000 in receipts so that we can collect our second \$100!!!!

ZI Dues Update

The 2008 Convention approved an increase of US\$15 in dues beginning 1 June 2009. This brings the total per member international dues to US\$65 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This amount does not include the per member fee for liability insurance paid by clubs in the USA and Canada.

The Convention also approved a motion requesting Zontians to pay an additional \$15 per member to Zonta International as a voluntary dues payment in 2008-2009 in addition to their regular dues of US\$50.

To make your Voluntary 2008-2009 Dues Payment, the preferred manner of payment is a group payment by the club using a check or wire transfer (the same methods used for regular dues payments). Clubs are encouraged to make the Voluntary 2008-2009 Dues Payment. [Please note that this **2008-2009 voluntary dues payment of US\$15 is in addition to the regular international dues of \$50 per member for 2008-2009.**]

In addition, on August 7 individual Zontians received an e-mail with a Subject Line: **Voluntary Dues, Special Message from Zonta International Finance Committee 2008-2010** as well from Zonta International Treasurer/Secretary Gloria Stootman Wristen detailing the update and links as well.

Women's Equality Day—August 26

August 26 of each year is designated in the United States as **Women's Equality Day**.

Instituted by Rep. Bella Abzug and first established in 1971, the date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights, eighty-eight years ago, August 26, 1920.

Refer to website @ http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content_type=Minisite_Generic&content_type_id=932&display_order=1&mini_id=1286 to read **The History of Women's Suffrage**.

September is Literacy Month!

It is often said that nothing is black-and-white except perhaps the black letters forming wonderful, full-of-life words on white paper. How those black and white orderly characters can open the reader to color, new worlds, new ideas, subtle but important differences, is truly amazing. Being able to read also means written agreements can be made, banking can be done, advertisements proclaimed. Think of a world where these opportunities are not available to a certain portion of the population—and you would be thinking of ours!

According to Zonta International's website, two-thirds of the illiterate adults in the world are women; two-thirds of the children *not* in school are girls. Consider these statistics as well:

- Men outnumber women almost three to one among those planning careers in computer or information sciences (Source: United Nations Statistics division report);
- Women hold just 10.4 percent of the board seats of global 200 companies, as ranked by *Fortune Magazine*, according to Corporate Women Directors International;
- Women hold just 15.4 percent of seats in the world's national parliaments, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Zonta's efforts to bring literacy to the world have been in place since 1928. Zonta International's Vocational Education for Girls Project has brought about change through scholarships, fellowships, and in recognition of success in over 50 countries. Closer to home, communities sponsor efforts to ensure that higher education is available to low-income, Native American, and female populations. This month Sioux Falls is holding the *South Dakota Festival of Books*, September 25-28, bringing nationally-known writers to speak, read, and discuss with us close to home. Information about the Festival can be obtained at: <http://sdhc.sdstate.org/> (South Dakota Humanities Council).

Select [South Dakota Festival of Books](#) The Sixth Annual South Dakota Festival of Books is set for September 26-28 in downtown Sioux Falls! This event, "where readers and writers rendezvous" will offer something for everyone, and with the exception of special events, everything is free and open to the public.

Locally, our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre was one of the groups supporting a summer reading/book program at Rawlins Library.

Literacy is vital to the world and it is vital that women across the world are included. What more can we do? One of the most important things is to maintain awareness. Continue to be aware of the issue and talk to others about it. Offering support is important, too. Support can be provided through membership in Zonta, volunteering to read to children in our local schools, and donating to groups who work to build schools, especially those reaching out to include girls and women.

Many of you have probably read Greg Mortenson's [Three Cups of Tea](#) about his efforts to build schools in Afghanistan. Greg's website [www.threecupsoftea.com] provides lots of resources and ideas to assist the efforts he and his colleagues have initiated and support there.

Happy *reading!* Spread the *word!*

—Carrie Jacobson, Literacy Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- August 26 **Women's Equality Day!**
27 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON
- SEPTEMBER Literacy Month (United Nations Literacy Decade—2003-2012)
September 1 Labor Day Holiday!
6 Day of Caring!
8 International Literacy Day!
21 International Day of Peace—In 1981 the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 36/67 declaring an International Day of Peace. In 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a new resolution 55/282 declaring 21 September of each year as the International Day of Peace.
24 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON
25 Serving of The Community Banquet [See Service Corner!]
26 SD Women's Summit, Sioux Falls [Goto www.southdakotawomenssummit.net]
26-28 SD Festival of Books, Sioux Falls [Goto www.sdhumanities.org]
28 FIRST South Dakota Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure, Vermillion
- October 3- 5 *District 12 Conference*, Colorado Springs [Mark your calendars!]
13 Columbus Day Holiday!
22 **Monthly Meeting**, Masonic Temple, NOON
24 United Nations Day!

***“If you really want to do something, you will find the time;
if not, you will find an excuse!”***

**Place your AD, glad or sad, for a \$1 fee!
Pay the Treasurer and e-mail the Editor!**

**Zonta International
Logo Picture Frames
(holds a 4 x 6 picture)
are available for purchase
for only \$10 each!**

**What a great way to display
the Zonta Logo and raise funds
for our Club!**

**Pick yours up
at this Wednesday's meeting!**

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report(s) as of July 31, 2008, are being e-mailed in a separate file.

—Alison E. Jares, Treasurer

REMEMBER to go to www.zonta.org and register! One of the factors in our success as an international organization is communication. By registering, you contribute to that success! Let's have 100% registration for our Club by the end of the year.



Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre
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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide