

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Pierre Area Senior Citizen's Center

President Laurie Gustafson
Vice President Jane Page
Secretary Vonni Kallemeyn
Treasurer Alison Jares
Directors Del Paulson, 2007-09
 Phyllis Perkovich, 2007-09
 Carrie Jacobson, 2008-10
 Jo Riley, 2008-10

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

Reminder, we will not be having our regular monthly noon meeting in April; instead we will have the Zonta Service Dollar Awards Event on April 22 at 7 p.m. Please see the Agenda and the Service Corner article in this newsletter for more details. This is a great event so please plan to attend so we can all learn about the various local organizations that will be receiving the \$6,500 in grants. We will also learn about the seven recipients of the \$3,500 in scholarship awards. All grants and scholarships are funded from the net booth rental proceeds of our Zonta Fall Craft Show and our Zonta Spring Craft Show!

As we are winding down to the end of our fiscal year ending May 31, our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre continues to keep very busy with our service and fundraising projects in April and May! All of these activities require our group's participation, so thank you everyone who was available and willing to help with these projects!

A special thank you to Vonni Kallemeyn and Beverly Lewis, from our Amelia Earhart Committee, who organized an April 7 hands-on project to assist the SD Discovery Center with the "Expanding Your Horizons" Conference for Zonta to assist with the registration booth and to host the closing session. This Conference gave young girls in grades 6 to 12 exposure to education and career options in the fields of science, math, and technology, as well as an opportunity to provide information about Zonta's mission to these young women.

A HUGE thank you to Audrey Nelson for her incredible efforts in organizing the successful Zonta Spring Craft Show that was held on April 18-19! There are hundreds of fundraising hours spent behind the scenes of sending and receiving vendor application forms and phone calls, purchasing the raffle items, as well as organizing all of our member volunteers. Also, a big thanks to Gloria Bump and Dawn Tassler for the great advertising of this show! This is our club's second largest annual fundraising event, which requires everyone's assistance to pull this off. Thanks to all who were able to measure and mark the booths, to work a shift the Zonta information table, and to help with the clean-up and closing of this Show!

As we near the end of the Club year, we also need to complete an annual report of all of our accomplishments to the Area 1 Director and to the District 12 Governor. Committee chairs, you may be receiving requests from me in the near future to assist with summarizing your activities, including the total service and/or fundraising hours during June 2008 through May 2009.

This is also the time of year to renew your annual membership. I truly hope that all of you are planning to renew! This is an awesome group of

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AGENDA for April 22, 2009

Service Dollar Awards Event
April 22, 2009
7:00 PM

Pierre Area Senior Citizen's Center
401 W. Pleasant Drive

- President's Welcome to Members and Guests
- Guest Speaker Mayor Laurie Gill
- Service Committee Award Grants to Local Organizations
- President's Closing Comments

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laurie Schultz—Apr 26
Vonni Kallemeyn—May 1
Gloria Bump—May 8
Theresa Burke—May 9
Carroll Forsch—May 9
Phyllis Tomkiewicz—May 14
Judy Grunewaldt—May 19
Dawn Tassler—May 22



Denise Luckhurst moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Vonni Kallemeyn for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Jane Page. All members approved. Motion carried. Vonni Kallemeyn remains Secretary.

Treasurer: Nelly Nord was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of Treasurer. Jane Page moved to close the nominations and vote unanimously for Nelly Nord for Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Denise Luckhurst. All members approved. Motion carried. Nelly Nord becomes Treasurer.

Directors: Judy Grunewaldt was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of two-year Director. Vonni Kallemeyn moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Judy Grunewaldt for Director. Motion was seconded by Carrie Jacobson. All members approved. Motion carried. Judy Grunewaldt becomes a new two-year Director.

Denise Luckhurst was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of two-year

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MINUTES of March 25, 2009

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at 12:00 p.m. on March 25, 2009, at the Pierre Masonic Temple. The Call to Order was made by President Laurie Gustafson; Audrey Nelson read *The Collect*.

Program: Program for this meeting was delayed due to Jo Riley being sick.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the February meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Vonni Kallemeyn, seconded by Phyllis Perkovich. All members approved the motion.

The financial report was sent to all members via email. No changes were requested by the members. President Laurie Gustafson accepted the reports and stated they would be filed for audit.

Election of Officers:

President: Laurie Gustafson was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of President. Donna Hull moved to close the nominations and to vote unanimously for Laurie Gustafson for President. Motion was seconded by Jane Page. All members approved. Motion carried. Laurie Gustafson remains president.

Vice President: Jane Page was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of Vice President. Peggy Cruse moved to close the nominations and vote unanimously for Jane Page for Vice President. Motion was seconded by Audrey Nelson. All members approved. Motion carried. Jane Page remains Vice President.

Secretary: Vonni Kallemeyn was nominated by the nominating committee for the position of Secretary.

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women pulling our time and energy together to accomplish the goals to improve the lives of local women, as well as providing financial assistance toward the incredible International Zonta projects! As a reminder, if you do not have any changes to your work/home information, you do not need to complete the renewal form—you can just get your annual dues check for \$113 to Treasurer Alison Jares by May 1.

We should all be very proud of all of our club's accomplishments. At the April 22 Service Dollar Awards Event, we will feel very rewarded as we learn how the recipients plan to fund their projects to improve the status and/or health and safety of women in our community. We will also celebrate our club's past year's successes at our Annual Meeting that will be held the evening of May 27 at the View 34. Details to come!

Hope to see all of you on April 22!

—Laurie Gustafson

Expanding Your Horizons

The Pierre Women in Science Conference (WIS) joined the national Expanding Your Horizons Network (EYH). The SD Discovery Center EYH conference was held April 7, 2008, from 8:30 am to 5 pm at the Ramkota. Tanya Crevier, "World's Best Female Basketball Handler," from Jefferson, South Dakota, was the keynote speaker and entertainment. New this year, the committee accepted proposals from those interested in presenting sessions. A group of girls selected the actual sessions from those proposals. Danette Jarzab of the SD Discovery Center was this year's conference coordinator.

As in past years the Pierre-Fort Pierre AAUW Branch was the luncheon host. For the first time our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre answered the call volunteer(s) from other groups to assist in many ways throughout the Conference, i.e., registration and to act as session hosts.

Zonta members involved in the Conference included Colette Kessler, Beverly Lewis, Dawn Tassler, and Anita Zastrow assisting with Registration, etc.; Christine Gors serving as a presenter; and Laurie Gustafson, Colette Kessler, Vonni Kallemeyn, and Anita Zastrow working the Closing Session cookie and water table at the Discovery Center.



Above: Laurie and Vonni at the 'cookie' table.
Right: Dawn handing out Conference T-Shirts.



Spring Craft Show Update

The winners of the +3 raffle prizes at our 2009 Spring Craft Show were: Caitlin Hepper (Wildlife Print), Toni Holzwarth (\$100 Cash), and Peggy Laurenz (\$50 Gas Card).

—Audrey Nelson, Spring Craft Show Chair

Welcome!



Judy Grunewaldt proudly shares a photo of her granddaughter, Ruby Kaye Carol Kubista, who was born March 12, 2009. She weighed 5 lb 15 oz. and was 19" long. Congratulations Judy!

SERVICE CORNER

On April 22 we will host an evening event to distribute the Zonta service grants to local organizations in lieu of our regular noon meeting. Mayor Laurie Gill will address the group and those organizations granted funding will share a little about what they are doing with the funds and about their organization. Dessert and a beverage will be served.

We need your support in showcasing our organization as well, so please plan to attend.

April 22, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Pierre Area Senior Citizen's Center
401 W. Pleasant Drive
\$5 for Zonta members

Look forward to seeing you then. Any questions, please let me know.

—Carroll Forsch, Service Committee Chair

SAVE DAKOTAMART RECEIPTS!!!!

Please remember to continue to save your DakotaMart receipts for the **We Care** program at Lynn's Dakotamart. For each **\$10,000** in register receipts that our Zonta Club collects, we receive a check for **\$100** simply by bringing them to DakotaMart. It is EASY! Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Peggy Cruse**.

Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre

2009 – 2010 Dues Statement

(June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010)

	Full-Year Dues
International Dues	\$ 65.00
International Liability Insurance Fee	3.00
District 12 Dues	27.00
District 12 Conference Fee	3.00
District 12 Development Fee	2.00
Local Club Dues	<u>13.00</u>
Total Renewing-Member Dues	<u>\$113.00</u>
New-Member Fee*	<u>15.00</u>
Total New-Member Dues	<u>\$128.00</u>

(*New Members add \$15 for the International New-Member Fee)

Complete this form and return with your dues payment *if* any of your information for the local Program Booklet and the District 12 Directory has changed. [Refer to the Excel spreadsheet that was e-mailed earlier.] If there are no changes to your information, you do not need to return the form.

Please make your check payable to the Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre and mail it along with the form to:
Alison Jares, Treasurer, PO Box 111, Pierre SD 57501-0111.

Please pay dues by May 1, 2009. A delinquency fee of \$15.00 will be charged if dues are not received by May 15, 2009.

Name _____ Code _____

Home Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip+4 _____

Telephone (H) _____ Fax (H) _____

E-Mail (H) _____

Website (H) _____

Employer _____

Department _____

Title _____

Building _____

Business Address _____

City, State, Zip+4 _____

Telephone (B) _____ Fax (B) _____

E-Mail (B) _____

Website (B) _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

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Director. Phyllis Perkovich moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Denise Luckhurst for Director. Motion was seconded by Donna Hull. All members approved. Motion carried. Denise Luckhurst becomes a new two-year Director.

Nominating Committee: Alison Jares, Jean Lakner, and Sherri Miller were nominated by the nominating committee for positions on the 2009-10 nominating committee. Donna Hull moved to close nominations and vote unanimously for Alison Jares, Jean Lakner, and Sherri Miller for the 2009-10 nominating committee. Motion was seconded by Donna Hull. All members approved. Motion carried. Alison Jares, Jean Lakner, and Sherri Miller are the members of the 2009-10 nominating committee.

Committee Reports:

Finance: The 2009-2010 Project and General Fund budgets were discussed. Alison Jares discussed the scholarship fund changes and answered a couple of questions regarding these budgets. There was also discussion about getting our scholarship forms out on our web page. Jane Page moved and Carrie Jacobson seconded to approve the budgets as they were presented by separate e-mail. All members were in favor. Motion carried. Laurie thanked Alison and her finance committee for their efforts to get the budget approved much earlier than in the past. Now our budget will closely align with Zonta International's recommended schedule.

Spring Craft Show: April 18 and 19 are the dates for this year's Spring Craft Show. Audrey Nelson reported there are 56 vendors signed up this year which is down about 13 from last year. Mostly having to do with the vendors cutting down on the number of shows they attend due to a slowed economy. Audrey also discussed the "Women's Day Out" craft show that will be held the weekend of April 4 here in Pierre. It was pointed out these craft shows even though not on the same date are competing with our craft show regarding the limited money to be spent by individuals. Audrey sent around a sign-up sheet for helping with the craft show.

Amelia Earhart: On April 7 the Discovery Center is hosting an Expanding Your Horizons conference for girls in grades 6-12. Our Zonta Club will help sponsor the event by helping at the registration table and/or with other duties as needed. We are also going to provide water and cookies at the end of the event. This will give us a good opportunity to tell these young women about Zonta and what we stand for. A sign-up sheet was passed around for cookie donations.

Members present signed up to bring 37 dozen cookies to the Discovery Center on that day. Way to go women.

Service: Carroll Forsch reported that she has sent out e-

mails for potential speakers for the evening event where service dollars will be awarded. Del Paulsen reported that the Senior Citizen's Center is available on April 22 for this event, and she has tentatively reserved the room. It will cost \$100.00 to rent the room and that includes drinks and food. It was decided that this evening event would take the place of our regular monthly meeting. Del will confirm this date with the Center. Carroll will send letters out to the service dollar recipients explaining the award and asking them to send a representative.

Other Business: Anita Zastrow handed out our Zonta raffle tickets. Audrey, Spring Craft Show Chair, stated she had gotten permission from the city of Pierre to conduct the raffle. Anita reminded us to please not put our own name on the tickets if we buy the tickets ourselves. Rather, put a family member or friend's name on the ticket.

The Area 1 Zonta Meeting is in Glendive, Montana, this year on April 24-25. Laurie Gustafson, Denise Luckhurst, and Jane Page will be attending.

Jane Page mentioned there is a District position open and to contact Jane if you are interested.

Jo Riley called Anita regarding the program and the fact that she was too sick to attend. Anita handed out a quiz and where we could go to find the answers on the internet.

Audrey mentioned members that three pictures were given to us by vendors last year to use by our Club. One picture will be one of the prizes for our Zonta Spring Craft Show raffle.

Announcements: American Cancer Society is having a luncheon in Fort Pierre Community and Involvement Center on April 4.

The month of May will be our annual meeting.

Nelly asked to send her ideas for programs during our monthly meetings. Members stated that sometimes we should not have a program scheduled as it would be nice to chit-chat with other members during the meeting.

Del Paulsen reminded us of the Ethnic Supper at Lutheran Memorial on April 16. Money raised is for Habitat for Humanity efforts.

Anita reminded us of the AAUW BookSale at the Pierre Mall on April 4.

Nelly Nord won the 50/50 drawing.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonni Kallemeyn, Recording Secretary

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

39th Earth Day: April 22, 2009

(Article from the Environmental Protection Agency's "Superfund 20th Anniversary Report—Chapter 1: Continuing the Promise of Earth Day)

Earth Day (April 22, 1970) -- For years, environmental contamination was largely seen as the inevitable (and accepted) consequence of economic progress. As cities grew and industries flourished, toxic emissions polluted the air and wastes were dumped into waterways or buried in the ground.

In the 1960s, Americans grew increasingly concerned about squandering what once seemed like the country's limitless resources. The word "environment" entered the American political vocabulary as a larger concept beyond simply preserving wilderness areas or regulating the most obvious forms of pollution. Widespread media coverage of disasters like the Santa Barbara oil spill and the Cuyahoga River fire gave rise to a popular concern that the environment was threatened by human activities and in need of protection. Nothing better demonstrated this growing wave of public awareness than the tremendous national response to the first [Earth Day](#).

When Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisconsin) called for a nationwide "Environmental Teach-in," he was thinking mainly of raising environmental consciousness on the nation's college campuses. But news of the idea set off what Nelson later called "a truly astonishing grassroots explosion." More than 20 million people from all parts of the country participated in the first Earth Day. Events were held in 10,000 schools, 2,000 colleges, and over 1,000 communities.

"[Earth Day] worked because of the spontaneous, enthusiastic response at the grassroots. Nothing like it had ever happened before. While our organizing on college campuses was very well done, the thousands of events in our schools and our communities were self-generated at the local level ... They simply organized themselves. That was the remarkable thing that became Earth Day."

Senator Gaylord Nelson
Founder of the first Earth Day
at the 25th Celebration

To read the entire article, see: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/20years/ch1pg1.htm>

For more information about environmentally-minded efforts you can integrate at home: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/learn.htm>

—Carrie Jacobson, Chair

MAJOR EVENTS BEFORE EARTH DAY THAT RAISED ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS

1962

Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring*, alerts the general public to the hidden dangers associated with pesticide use. *Silent Spring* becomes a cornerstone of the environmental movement, highlighting the causal relationship between human action and adverse changes to human health and the environment.



Earth as seen by the Apollo astronauts

1968

Apollo 8 transmits the first images of the Earth as a luminous blue sphere in the otherwise dark void of outer space. The images of our planet from the Apollo moon missions give rise to feelings that our Earth's environment is something fragile and precious that must be protected—providing inspiration to a nascent environmental movement.

1969

An explosion on an oil platform six miles off the coast of Santa Barbara, California, spills 200,000 gallons of crude oil -- creating an 800 mile oil slick that mars 35 miles of the California coast. Incoming tides wash the corpses of dead seals and dolphins on shore; nearly 3,700 birds are estimated to have died.

In Cleveland, Ohio, the Cuyahoga River catches fire and burns due to chemical contamination. This event galvanizes growing public concerns about the threats of unregulated toxic chemical use and disposal.

1970

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ([NEPA](#)) is signed into law by President Richard Nixon on January 1, 1970. Heralded as the Magna Carta of the country's environmental movement, NEPA established a framework for the Federal government to assess the environmental effects of its major decisions.

Membership in the Sierra Club grows from 15,000 in 1960 to 113,000 in 1970—an increase of more than 700 percent. The National Audubon Society also sees its membership grow significantly during the decade—from 32,000 in 1960 to 148,000 in 1970.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 22 **Earth Day!** Celebrate the planet! [See page 6!]
 22 **Service Dollar Awards Event** in lieu of Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Pierre Area Senior Citizen's Center
 24-25 Area 1 Meeting, Glendive
 28 **Equal Pay Day!** It is held annually in April to signify the point into a year that a woman must work to earn what a man made the previous year. You know the statistics—women working full time earn on average 22% less than their male counterparts doing the same job, African American women earn 34% less, and Latinas earn 41% less. This inequity adds up—on average, working women lose out on \$9,575 per year and \$434,000 over a lifetime due to the wage gap.
- May 10-16 National Women's Health Week! Go to www.womenshealth.gov/whw/
 10 Mother's Day!
 24 **Annual Meeting**, Evening, View 34



Reduce!
 Reuse!
 Recycle!

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

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 March 31,
 2009, 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.



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