

# MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, Masonic Temple, Noon

Please e-mail Del Paulson at [mpdp@pie.midco.net](mailto: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

We are having some beautiful weather to kick off Spring! As you will notice by the agenda for our March meeting, we have some important issues to discuss and vote on so please plan to attend.

Our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre has a very exciting and busy schedule ahead of us for the next six weeks, so we need all hands on deck to assist with several projects.

Your attendance will be appreciated at the March meeting, as we will be voting on the FY 2010 General Fund and Project Fund budgets. Please review the file that was e-mailed to you prior to the meeting.

There are several opportunities for Zonta leadership positions. We will have an election of officers so there will be nominations taken from the floor. Also if you are interested in serving as a District 12 officer, please let Jane Page know as the nomination forms are due by April 3. The International Nomination Form for the 2010-2012 International Board of Directors and Nominating Committee is now available online and is due by August 15, 2009. If you would like more details, please let me know.

As a reminder, the Zonta Spring Craft Show will be held April 18-19 at the Expo Center in Fort Pierre. There will be a sign-up sheet for the many volunteers that are needed to assist with this huge fundraising project. Also, each member is strongly encouraged to sell one or more books of raffle tickets prior to the Show, as these funds will assist in deferring our travel expenses.

The Area 1 Meeting will be held April 24-25 in Glendive, Montana. If you have not been to a District 12 Conference or an Area 1 Meeting, I strongly encourage you to seriously consider attending. It is such a great way to learn more about Zonta, share service and project ideas, and to meet some great women from other clubs.

The Service Committee has been very busy preparing for the Service Dollar Distribution Event which will be held the evening of April 22. Your assistance may be needed to prepare for this event. Please watch for more details and please plan to attend so we can all learn about the various local organizations that will be receiving \$6,500 from the proceeds of our Zonta Fall and Spring Craft Shows!

Our Amelia Earhart Committee is also organizing a hands-on service project to assist the SD Discovery Center with the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) science/math (FREE) Conference for young girls in grades 6th-12. This Conference will be held April 7 at the Ramkota RiverCentre in Pierre. Our Zonta Club will be assisting with registration and also hosting the closing ceremony for which we may need over 30 dozen cookies for the approximate 200 girls attending!

Hope to see you at the March 25 monthly meeting, ready and willing to sign up on a few volunteer lists!

—Laurie Gustafson

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## AGENDA for March 25, 2009

Call to Order

Welcome Members and Guests

Sharing of *THE COLLECT*

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Accept and File Financial Report(s) for Audit

Communications

Unfinished/New Business—

- Election of Officers
- Discuss/Vote on FY2010 Budget(s)
- Spring Craft Show Sign-Up/Raffle Tickets
- District Nominating Form Due by April 3
- American Cancer Society Luncheon April 4
- Expanding Your Horizons Conference April 7  
[Sign-Up for Cookie Donation!]
- Service-Dollar Distribution Event April 22
- Area 1 Meeting Attendees April 24-25

Committee Reports—

**PROGRAM—Jo Riley, Women's History Month**

Announcements

50/50 Raffle Drawing

Adjournment

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Kari Stulken—Mar 23*

*M. Colette Kessler—Mar 25*

*Laurie Gustafson—Apr 16*

*Laurie Schultz—Apr 26*



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

Chamber of Commerce, is able to publish announcements and information in the Chamber's "What's Happening" electronic newsletter. The service is free and offers a great opportunity for wide local distribution and to inform the community more about what Zonta does. Laurie provided the group with hard copies of an article Carroll Forsch, Service Committee chair had submitted to relay the opportunity to apply for Zonta's service project grants.

Prospective member Meghan Sonstegard, who recently attended the Prospective-Member event, joined us for today's meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Del Paulson, seconded by Anita Zastrow. All members present approved the motion.

**Accept Financial Reports:** The financial report as of January 31, 2009, was sent to all members via e-mail. No changes were requested by the members. President Laurie Gustafson indicated the financial report would stand as provided and would be filed for audit.

**New Business:** Denise Luckhurst reported that a date in March 2010 has been reserved for the Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre to hold a Business After Hours reception as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Details regarding place, date, and time will be determined probably this coming fall.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Service:** As reported in the newsletter, we had a great response to the request for socks for kids. Laurie Gronlund helped stuff the backpacks on Tuesday February 23.

**Spring Craft Show:** April 18 and 19 are the dates for this year's Spring Craft Show. Audrey Nelson reported via e-mail that vendor reservations are slow so far, and she plans to individually contact those vendors who haven't signed up yet but have participated in the past, to find out whether they wish to attend. Sign-up sheets to help set up on the 17th and to be at the Zonta table will be circulated at the March meeting. Zonta members may e-mail Audrey directly to sign up for various duties, too.

**Zonta Rose Day:** A yellow rose plant will be purchased again this year to be donated for planting to a local

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## MINUTES of February 25, 2009

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

**Program:** The speaker was Jo Doll, a former Zonta member, who talked about ovarian and primary peritoneal cancers. Speaking on behalf of all who have had these cancers as well as from personal experience, Jo provided us great information. Jo relayed that ovarian cancer may not be given as much publicity as other cancers in women because the symptoms are subtle and varied. Jo emphasized the need for women to be aware of changes that might be unique to you and your situation, as there are things only you know about yourself. She discussed the need to communicate with healthcare professionals and if you have questions or inklings to ask them right away - don't put it off! If at first you don't succeed, keep asking until you have satisfactory answers. It's important to find a qualified OB/GYN specialist that is also an oncologist in order to get the best care. Jo said that early detection of ovarian cancer is key and should it be diagnosed, be optimistic; being in the best health you can be will enable you to get through the discovery and treatment process and on to the important part: healing and living. The handouts Jo provided were great and ones that should be shared with friends and family.

**Communications/Introductions:** Laurie Gustafson noted that our Zonta Club, as a member of the Pierre

## **Women in Science Becomes Expanding Your Horizons**

The Pierre Women in Science Conference (WIS) has joined the national Expanding Your Horizons Network (EYH). The Network is a non-profit membership organization of educators, scientists, mathematicians, parents, community leaders, and government and corporate representatives. The mission is to encourage young women to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. Through Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network programs, members provide STEM role models and hands-on activities for middle and high school girls. The ultimate goal is to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers ready to meet 21st century challenges.

As part of the network, Pierre WIS will become the *SD Discovery Center Expanding Your Horizons Conference*. As part of the national network, the conference planners will have access to resources that will help recruit speakers and increase the hands-on nature of the sessions, to an on-line registration system and to a pre-designed conference packet for the girls. To see more about EYH, go to <http://expandingyourhorizons.org/about/>.

The SD Discovery Center EYH conference is scheduled for 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, will be the keynote speaker and entertainment. New this year, the committee has accepted proposals from those interested in presenting sessions. A group of girls will select the actual sessions from those proposals. Danette Jarzab of the SD Discovery Center is this year's conference coordinator.

As in past years the Pierre-Fort Pierre AAUW Branch will be the luncheon host. The *Expanding Your Horizons* Committee, however, is also looking for volunteer(s) from other groups to assist in many ways throughout the Conference, i.e., registration and to act as session hosts. Please contact Danette at 224-8295 if you would like to volunteer on behalf of our Zonta Club.

## **Urge President Obama to Press Ratification of CEDAW**

The United States (along with nations such as Iran and Afghanistan) has not yet adopted CEDAW, the "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women." The international treaty was adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly. CEDAW is often described as an international bill of rights for women.

Let our president know that this issue is important to you! Add your personal "vision" to the comment section at: <http://change.gov/page/s/yourvision>. Think how very interesting it would be for the transition team to hear from many women about CEDAW!

—Ann Hefeneider

District 12, Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Chair



Carrie Jacobson is shown presenting the rose bush to Mina Bonhorst at the MSDVC offices.

## **Zontians Celebrate Rose Day and Recognize Earth Day**

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre celebrated Zonta's Rose Day earlier in March by presenting a yellow tea rose bush to Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center Director Mina Bonhorst. The yellow rose bush will be planted by Missouri Shores staff, as an addition to the plantings currently at the site. The rose bush is given in recognition and in honor of making a difference in the lives of women and girls, extending to caring for the world around us.

In that light, this year Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22 (the date of our April Monthly Meeting). Like Zonta's Rose Day, recognizing Earth Day is a way to focus on ways to be more cognizant of the world around us and our impact upon it. Saving water, turning off lights, and recycling plastics represent concrete acts each of us might take to step lighter upon this earth. Additional Earth Day information and ideas can be obtained at: <http://earthday.gov/>

—Carrie Jacobson, Zonta Rose Day / Environment Chair

## **Spring Craft Show Update**

We have 55 vendors registered for the 2009 Spring Craft Show that is scheduled for April 18 and 19 at the Expo Center in Fort Pierre. Last year we had 80 vendors registered with 72 attending the Show.

This year's raffle will include \$100 in cash, a framed wildlife print, and a \$50 gas card. Anita will be distributing the tickets at Wednesday's meeting. Sign-up sheets will also be circulated!

—Audrey Nelson, Spring Craft Show Chair

## **A Special Note from Area 1 Director Tracy Manning-Egge—**

***The Zonta Club of Glendive asked me to remind all members attending the Area 1 Meeting to please make hotel reservations by March 16. There is another Convention in Glendive that same weekend and rooms may not be available if you wait.***

### ***Guest Speaker Update:***

- ***Dr. Dickson will speak about Changing Your Career***
- ***Deena Hoff will speak about Women in Agriculture. Deena has also traveled extensively to Third-World countries.***

***I look forward to seeing all Area 1 Zontians at this meeting. A special thanks to the Zonta Club of Glendive for putting together a fantastic weekend for us.***

***Tracy Manning-Egge  
Area 1 Director***

The Board of our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre would like to thank the Finance Committee for getting the 2009-2010 budget ready early this year. They were asked to have it ready in time for the March Board Meeting, and we know that took extra work.

### **SERVICE CORNER**

The Committee will be putting together ideas for the Grant Distribution Event that will take place in April. This event will be held in the evening, outside of our regular meeting date, and all Zonta members will be invited to attend. More details to come.

—Carroll Forsch, Service Committee Chair

### **THIS 'N THAT**

- The American Cancer Society Spring Luncheon is Saturday, April 4! How about getting a group together to attend?
- Two rooms have been reserved in Glendive (for the Area 1 Meeting) in case anyone decides to attend at a later date! (See above!)
- The 4th Annual CASAblanca Event (dinner and entertainment) is scheduled for Saturday, March 28! Is anyone planning on attending? [This event benefits the local CIVIC CASA program.]
- Denise and Anita will be happy to accept your book donations for the 21st annual AAUW BookSale to be held on Saturday, April 4, at the Pierre Mall.
- Remember to sign up to volunteer at the EYH Conference on April 7.

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group. A rose plant was given to Missouri Shores last year. The committee will vote to determine this year's location.

**Membership:** Denise Luckhurst relayed that the Prospective-Member evening get-together at Alison Jares' was a great success and lots of fun. Three prospective members attended.

**Amelia Earhart:** Laurie Gustafson reported for Beverly Lewis that in April the Discovery Center is hosting an Expanding Your Horizons workshop for girls in the 6th-12th grades. Our Zonta Club will help sponsor the event by helping at the registration table, or with other duties as needed. Members are encouraged to spread the word about the event, which is free to all participants. There are more details in the February newsletter.

**Legislative Awareness and Advocacy:** Jo Riley provided members with a list of District 24's (Hughes, Stanley and Sully Counties) Legislator information. Jo also provided a summary of House Bill (HB) 1138 that has passed both the house and senate committees and is up for vote on the floor today. Jo indicated the advocacy associated with the funding has been of value in the past, and it would serve us well if funding would be continued. If Zonta members should so choose, an e-mail to Bob Gray in support of continuing the funding would be appropriate. Also, thanks to Judy Grunewaldt for a terrific article in this month's newsletter regarding ZISVAW.

**Announcements:** Peggy Cruse inquired if the slate of officers needs to be announced at the February monthly meeting. Laurie Gustafson responded that this information will be published in the March newsletter and the election will be held in April. The election may be an e-vote, as the April meeting will be an evening meeting where the Zonta Service Dollars will be awarded to the organizations.

**50/50 Drawing:** Laurie Gustafson was the winner.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
by *Carrie Jacobson* for *Vonni Kallemeyn*,  
Recording Secretary

## Nominating Committee Report

Listed below are the recommendations from the Nominating Committee:

President - Laurie Gustafson

Vice President - Jane Page

Secretary - Vonni Kallemeyn

Treasurer - Nelly Nord

Two-year Director - Judy Grunewaldt

Two-year Director - Denise Luckhurst

[Two Director positions are open!]

Nominating Committee - Alison Jares, Jean Lakner, and Sherri Miller

Nominations from the floor for any of the above positions will be accepted at the next Zonta meeting.

—*Laurie Gronlund*, Nominating Committee Chair

The Board of our Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre extends a special thanks to Carroll Forsch, Chair, and the Service Committee members for getting the service grants reviewed and recommendations to the board in a very short period of time. They did a great job and we appreciate the extra effort this took. That's truly the Zonta spirit!!!!

Reduce!  
Reuse!  
Recycle!

## 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. [THUS FAR, OUR ZONTA CLUB HAS COLLECTED TWO (+2) CHECKS OF \$100 EACH.] It is EASY! Simply bring your receipts to the monthly meetings and give them to **Peggy Cruse**.

**NEWS FLASH—According to Peggy a few days ago, she will have our THIRD \$100 check by the March meeting!**



# Women's History Month

March 2009  
by Borgna Brunner

Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. As historian Mary Beth Norton recalls, "only one or two scholars would have identified themselves as women's historians, and no formal doctoral training in the subject was available anywhere in the country." Since then, however, the field has undergone a metamorphosis. Today almost every college offers women's history courses and most major graduate programs offer doctoral degrees in the field.

## **The Women's Movement**

Two significant factors contributed to the emergence of women's history. The women's movement of the sixties caused women to question their invisibility in traditional American history texts. The movement also raised the aspirations as well as the opportunities of women, and produced a growing number of female historians. Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, one of the early women's historians, has remarked that "without question, our first inspiration was political. Aroused by feminist charges of economic and political discrimination, ... we turned to our history to trace the origins of women's second-class status."

## **New Social History**

Women's history was also part of a larger movement that transformed the study of history in the United States. "History" had traditionally meant political history—a chronicle of the key political events and of the leaders, primarily men, who influenced them. But by the 1970s "the new social history" began replacing the older style. Emphasis shifted to a broader spectrum of American life, including such topics as the history of urban life, public health, ethnicity, the media, and poverty.

## **The Personal Is Political**

Since women rarely held leadership positions and until recently had only a marginal influence on politics, the new history, with its emphasis on the sociological and the ordinary, was an ideal vehicle for presenting women's history. It has covered such subjects as the history of women's education, birth control, housework, marriage, sexuality, and child rearing. As the field has grown, women's historians realized that their definition of history needed to expand as well—it focused primarily on white middle-class experience and neglected the full racial and socio-economic spectrum of women.

## **Women's History Month**

The public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women's Day, was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month.

Log on to <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html> for more information of Women in History.

—Jo Riley, Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee Chair

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

## National Women's History Month

Celebrate the wide range of contributions and achievements made by women that have been overlooked in many U.S. history classes. Visit [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) for ideas and activities.

- 20 **First Day of Spring!**
- 25 Monthly Meeting, NOON, Masonic Temple
- 28 CASAblanca, Ramkota RiverCentre

April

- 4 AAUW's 21st Annual BookSale, 8:30-4:00 at the Pierre Mall
- 4 Spring American Cancer Society Luncheon, Noon
- 7 World Health Day!
- 7 *Expanding Your Horizons* Conference, Ramkota RiverCentre
- 12-18 **National Environmental Education Week**  
National Environmental Education Week increases the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of education preparation, learning, and activities in classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums. This year's theme: "Be water wise!" Go to <http://www.eeweek.org/>
- 18-19 Spring Craft Show, Expo Center, Fort Pierre
- 22 **Earth Day!** Celebrate the planet!
- 22 Monthly Meeting, EVENING, Masonic Temple
- 24-25 Area 1 Meeting, Glendive
- 28 **Equal Pay Day!**



***"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 February 28, 2009, are being e-mailed in a separate file.

—Alison E. Jares, Treasurer

**REMEMBER** to go to [www.zonta.org](http://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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