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President's Message

By Jane Page

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall season. It is my favorite time of year.

Alison, Denise, Anita and I represented our Club at the Zonta District 12 Conference in Rapid City in September. We came back with lots of information that we would like to share. You will find a few of our articles in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who graciously provided items for the picnic gift basket that we raffled at the Conference. It was a hit as we made \$160 that will be added to our travel fund. The election of District officers also took place at the Conference. Two of the new officers are Sheila Davis from Denver as the new District Governor and Renee Coppock from Billings as our new Area 1 Director. They will take office in June.

Julie has informed me that the booth space for the Holiday Craft Show has been full for some time now. It will be the weekend of November 12-13, and if you have not yet signed up to work a shift, please do so at this month's meeting or contact Julie Linn. The money we make from this Show allows us to fund projects for several local service organizations and provide several scholarships for women. Julie and her team have really been hard at work putting the finishing touches on this show—so plan to do some shopping!

At this meeting we will be voting on next year's general and project budgets. You should have received the budgets by e-mail previous to the meeting, so be sure to look them over. It is important that everyone understand our finances.

Our Club will host the Area meeting in April here in Pierre. Denise Luckhurst will be the chair of the event; she is putting a team in place to assist with the event.

October is not only Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but also Domestic Violence Awareness Month—two great causes important to all women. So ... proudly wear your pink or your purple!!!!

Jane

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 26

Monthly Meeting
Masonic Temple at Noon

November 9

Board Meeting

November 12-13

Fall Craft Show
Ramkota Hotel

November 16 (one week early)

Monthly Meeting
Masonic Temple at Noon

November 25

FIRST Day of the 16 Days of
Activism for the Elimination of
Violence Against Women

December 10

Human Rights Day
and LAST Day of the 16 Days ...

December 13

**New Date*
Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

January 26, 2012

Backpack Program
Food Pantry

February 9

Backpack Program
Food Pantry

February 11

Hollywood Tonight

April 20-21

Area 1 Meeting
Pierre

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

by Jane Page

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in South Dakota

In 2009 the following crimes were reported in South Dakota:

- 16 Murders - 44% were a result of domestic violence
- 970 Forcible Rapes and other related crimes - 88% of the victims were female
- 775 Aggravated Assaults
- 336 cases of Intimidation
- 35 Kidnappings/Abductions - 82% of the victims were female
- 5,619 cases of Simple Assault - 59% of the survivors were female

Battering is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person with whom an intimate relationship is or has been shared through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Battering happens when one person believes that they are entitled to control another.

Domestic violence may include not only the intimate partner relationships of spousal, live-in partners and dating relationships, but also the familial, elder and child abuse presence in a violent home. Abuse generally falls into one or more of the following categories: physical battering, sexual assault and emotional or psychological abuse, and it generally escalates over a period of time.



General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2011

The Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre held its monthly meeting at noon on September 28, 2011, at the Masonic Temple in Pierre. The call to order was made by President Jane Page; Robyn Livermore read The Collect.

Financial Report: Jane asked the members if they had any questions on the financial report sent electronically prior to the meeting by Robyn. Hearing no questions or comments, Jane asked that the report be filed for audit. Jane also requested that the Budget Committee meet to prepare a draft budget for the coming year. This draft will then be reviewed by the Board.

Committee reports:

Fall Craft Show - Julie Linn, Craft Show Chairperson, reported that all vendor booths have been filled with two on the waiting list. Julie relayed that 22 new vendors will attend the show this year. Vendors who haven't gotten a booth are being referred to De Costello should they wish to participate at the Mall that weekend. Transportation will be available to take shoppers between the Mall and the Ramkota, hoping to ease parking at the Ramkota and accommodate all participants. Raffle tickets are being prepared for a total of four drawings that will be held at the Craft Show. The main raffle, where tickets are sold at one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00, will offer \$100.00 and \$50.00 in cash; a second raffle, held in the courtyard area, is free and will offer two \$50.00 cash prizes. Julie asked all members to sign up to help with set-up on Friday evening, as well as monitor the Zonta booth during the event. Jane passed out posters asking members to distribute them where possible. She noted with some stores in the area being less willing to post notices, respect that wish but spread the word however possible. Phyllis Perkovich relayed that the Craft Show will be advertised in a variety of ways, including Zontians on the radio (doesn't that sound like a grand show!?) and ads in the Reminder and Capital Journal.

Service Projects - Laurie Gustafson reported that two dates have been set for members to assist with the Backpack Program. Those dates are January 26 and February 9, 2012. She thanked all members who helped with the Community Banquet served Thursday September 22. A total of 227 meals were served in-house and 80 meals as take-out. Members who served the meal commented on the number of children who were present.

New Member Meeting - Laurie Gustafson also relayed that a meeting will be held soon for new members Rayne Dosch and Jody Bartels to introduce them to our Club and what we do in the community.

Zonta Directory - Denise Luckhurst confirmed that the 2011-12 Member Directories have been completed and distributed.

November Monthly Meeting

As in past years, mark your calendar for one week earlier (This year it is Wednesday, November 16!) for the November Monthly Meeting.

Newsletter

Articles & Requests

To make 'your' newsletter as effective as possible, please share your comments and suggestions.

What would you like to see? What should be added? What should be removed?

Remember, anyone can contribute an article or information at any time.

Program Committee - Jane Page noted that plans for noon program speakers and activities for the Club's general membership meetings are nearly complete for the year. The November meeting will be a working meeting, stuffing envelopes along with a general membership discussion regarding our Club's goals. Jane said she would like to describe our club's purpose in a succinct manner, as a sort of umbrella under which we focus our efforts. In thinking about the club and our activities, Jane proposed 'Education and Advocacy' as a possible description.

Other Business

- Anita Zastrow asked members to consider donating items to Southeast Pierre. Anita brought in a few examples of things that are needed and displayed them on the back table. Some of the items suggested include toiletries, books and clothes.
- Denise Luckhurst announced that our Club has been asked to be in charge of the annual Area 1 Meeting that will be held on Friday evening, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. Denise has been asked to chair the event and will be asking for volunteers in the Club to help. Tasks will include choosing a venue, arranging food, and establishing a budget. Anyone attending the meeting from our Club will have their registration fees paid, and she encouraged as many of us to attend as possible. Jane and Denise anticipate a total of about 30 people will likely attend, including Zonta's D12 Governor and Lieutenant Governor.
- Jane provided Carrie with Thank You notes the Club has received over the past month, one from the District 12 Co-Chair for Zonta International regarding our contribution to International, and the second from Kristie Maher, Director of the Discovery Center, for supporting science activities for girls, providing funding for girls to attend Engineering Camp and the Expanding Your Horizons Conference.
- Anita also asked members to check the Zonta website; Jane reminded members how to find their member ID to logon, and recommended the site to Committee Chairs for the great resources available.

Program: Holly Hoing, Countryside Hospice, provided information regarding the Memory Center, a new program being offered through the Hospice program. The Center offers baseline and complete screening for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

Other Business: The 50/50 drawing was won by Laurie Gustafson. Rayne Dosch won a candy bar donated by Conference attendees and Jane Page won a leaf dish made by Phyllis Perkovich.

Adjournment: Jane Page adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Jacobson, Secretary

Women of Substance & Style Zonta District 12 Conference, September 23-25, 2011

Keeping You Informed
Look in the Next Newsletter for Additional Articles

COMMUNICATION: It's Still Complicated

by Anita M. Odens Zastrow

Communication: It's Still Complicated was presented as one of the roundtable discussions at the District 12 Conference held in Rapid City in September, 2011. As the D12 Internal Communications Chair, I was joined by my committee member, Jody Gostas, of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne. We presented best practices in the four areas of the work of the Internal Communications committee—Database, Directory, E-Mail, and Newsletter (DDEN) basing the idea sharing on the continuing goals of the D12 Committee (see below) and how Clubs can meet the needs of their members with these goals in mind at the Club level as well as at the District level.

- Update DATABASE upon receipt of additions/corrections from Club leaders and members
- Remind Clubs to regularly submit updated club and member information for updating of the Database file and the Directory on the District website
- Assist Club leaders with coordination of accurate member information from Club to District to International
- Update/Copy/Bind/Distribute DIRECTORY at District Conference
- Provide .pdf version of Directory upon request
- Provide updates to webmaster for online Directory on the District website
- Maintain E-MAIL groups for the Board, individual Clubs, Club Presidents, Club Treasurers, and District-level Committees
- Provide mailing label files, Club listings, etc. upon request
- Share NEWSLETTER (Outreach) duties with committee members
- Plan four (4) issues of the Outreach during 2011-12 year
- Provide advice and encouragement to Club leaders for development of Club database/directory/e-mail/newsletter materials

Several D12 members who participated in the roundtable discussions, shared ideas and samples of what works in their Club. Attendees agreed that a Club directory and newsletter were vital to their Club's success although many Club's still do not have a continuing newsletter. Agreement was made to assist in rectifying that situation. Samples of the Database input form, Directories (District and Club), E-Mail groups, and Newsletters (D12 Outreach and Club) were viewed and discussed.



More Information from the District 12 Conference

Zonta International Foundation

by Jane Page

Are you aware that as an individual member of Zonta you can contribute directly to the International Foundation? The Zonta International Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization supported solely by contributions from clubs, individual members and friends of Zonta around the world who share a commitment to advancing the status of women.

Through the Foundation, Zonta helps women and girls overcome gender barriers to beducational and professional advancement; provides opportunities for women to earn higher wages and achieve economic independence; ensures that women and children have access to quality, affordable health care; and strives to end violence against women while helping survivors rebuild their lives.

Through funding from the Foundation, international service programs have provided training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women, primarily through projects implemented by the agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations. Educational scholarships are also provided through the Foundation.

During 2010-2012 three projects supported by Zonta's international service fund are:

- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender Based Violence in Rwanda;
- Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador; and
- Reduction of Obstetric Fistula & Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia;

The District encourages all members to consider donating directly to the Foundation as part of your charitable giving. This contribution will directly impact women around the world. Donation forms are available on the Zonta.org website—just look for ZI Foundation.

Our Club's
Raffle Basket
Display in the
Zonta Store!



AGENDA

October Membership Meeting

Call to Order
 Welcome Guests
 Share *The Collect*
 Accept Financial Report for Audit
 Approve the September Meeting Minutes
 Old/New Business:
 Discussion and Approval of the FY13
 Proposed General and Project Budgets
 (previously e-mailed)
 Zonta International Convention in Italy
 Other Committee Reports:
 Membership
 Service
 Program - Another person needed on
 this committee
 Program: Andy Gerlach will speak on his
 recent deployment to Afghanistan with
 the National Guard

Service Announcement for November



Our Club's November service project will
 be to bring a gift for a woman veteran.
 The gifts will be sent to women veterans
 in the Hot Springs veteran's home—A
 fitting tribute for Veteran's Day.

Items they might enjoy:

- Crossword Puzzles
- Jigsaw Puzzles
- Circle a Word Puzzles
- Books
- Personal Care Items
- Candy
- Any item you would like, they
would like also!

These will be collected at our November
 16 monthly meeting.



Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre
 Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide