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Summer 2012 Newsletter

Zonta Club of Laramie

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Summer Garden Party and Potluck

Calling all Zontians! Save the date of Thursday, June 28th for a Garden Party and Potluck Supper at Lynn Erickson's home at 910 Ord from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Many of you indicated in the recent Satisfaction Survey that you would enjoy a potluck dinner with your Zonta friends -- so please, mark your calendar now and plan to enjoy Lynn's lovely garden and tons of tasty snacks and great conversation. OMC is planning this marvelous event in the hopes that not only Zontians, but also our guests, will have an absolutely fantastic time getting to know each other on a more personal level. OMC is currently working on the program for this event, but will be sending electronic updates out to you as we pin down the details.

Please help OMC by sending names and contact information for prospective Zontians --

people (men or women) who meet our eligibility criteria and who share our passion for making the world a better place for women -- to Deedee Boysen at deedeeboysen@hotmail.com. To be eligible to join Zonta, a person must be employed at least 20 hours a week in a professional or executive position or in a decision making or leadership capacity within his/her organization. We have a little flexibility within this guideline to consider retirees who have been professionals or executives, or others who have been employed in that capacity but who may be new to town or between jobs. If you have questions about Zonta membership or about a particular person's eligibility, please call Deedee at 721-3915 or drop me an e-mail. See you there!

Submitted by Deedee Boysen

Take Back the Night Recap

April 10, 2012 marked another Take Back the Night March that Zonta Club of Laramie participated in. The march began in 1976 when 2000 women in Brussels, Belgium united in demonstration of their solidarity with the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women. Their display of activism eventually spread to other countries including Italy, Germany, England, India and the United States as women pledged to stop sexual violence and abuse. According to the Take Back the Night Foundation, the marches "became known internationally as a visible way to take a stand against sexual violence, specifically violence against women." The Zonta Club of Laramie has been a strong supporter and participant of this event, and this year was no exception!



Kathy, Tasha, and Beth in this year's walk

"It was a beautiful day for the walk. I would like to thank Beth Robertson and Kathy Galster for taking time out of their busy schedules to support Take Back the Night."

Tasha Bauman

Zonta International Convention

“One of the many rewards of membership in Zonta International is the fellowship that comes from being part of an international organization of individuals who share a commitment to improving the lives of women around the world. The International Convention is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this fellowship by connecting with members from around the globe. Members who have attended Convention in the past will tell you that they have made lasting friendships at Convention while learning more about Zonta International and its efforts to advance the status of women worldwide.”

-Zonta International Website

The 61st Zonta International Convention is quickly approaching! The Convention will be held in Torino, Italy from July 7-12. If you are interested in attending, there is still time to register! Visit the registration page for fees and information on daily, pre and post Convention tours. The website also has Convention Information, schedules, and preferred local establishments. The link for the Convention website can be found on the Zonta International website’s homepage.

Submitted by Stephanie Schroeder



New Member Spotlight



Donna Emery

Donna Emery was born in Northern California, and grew up in the town of Glen Ellen, California. Donna grew up on a ranch with extended family living close by. She often helped her family during her childhood as a ranch hand, and she attributes her value of hard work to the nature of the ranch work. She also learned how to entertain herself and the value of friendship, before the age of the television. Her first paid position was developing photographs in the school darkroom. After high school graduation, Donna attended university at

Sacramento State focusing on computer science and business. College reinforced the ideals of commitment, hard work, and taking pride in her tasks. Later on, Donna left her studies for her marriage and other adventures before obtaining a degree. She first heard of Zonta through a previous client who was a Zontian. The women nominated Donna for a Zonta Scholarship because she was a single mother who was working full time, and taking night classes at a junior college. Donna finished school which reinforced her earlier life lessons of hard work and commit-

ment. Upon moving to Laramie, she discovered that she was not ready for, and did not like retirement. Donna is currently a real estate broker and the owner of Advantage Real Estate. She joined Zonta in the winter of 2011 and is currently not on a committee. Donna is thankful for discovering how much she loves her career, and views going to work as a joy and rarely a chore. She is a multiple time cancer survivor, and is married to the love of her life....the perfect husband. Donna’s motto is “Smile, be thankful, and share love where ever you go”.

Existing Member Spotlight

Submitted by Stephanie Schroeder

Zella Milliken was born in North Platte, Nebraska in 1926. She attended school and worked at a local coffee shop while in high school.

In 1945 Zella attended the University of Wyoming and studied accounting, and has also completed classes at the University of Florida.

Through her work history, Zella has been a bookkeeper, receptionist, administrative secretary and employment counselor. She has also been a co-owner of soft water business, co-owner of an employment agency, and a co-owner of the Mobile Home Parks and KOA Campground in Laramie for 30 years.

Zella joined Zonta in 1995, and has participated in almost every club activity. She has chaired the Style Show, served on the board twice, and helped with Bell Ringing, Rose Day, Birthing Kits and Senior Center Breakfasts. She has been married to her husband Robert for 65 years and has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.



Zella Milliken

Zontian of the Year

This years Zontian of the Year is Maryalice Gulino. The ceremony took place during the April meeting with Tasha Bauman presenting the award to Maryalice. Maryalice was born in Pontiac, Michigan and spent most of her childhood in the suburbs of Detroit. She lived for a brief time in Hagarstown, Maryland, but considers Sterling Heights, Michigan as her hometown. Maryalice attributes who she is today to lessons she learned as a child. Her father told her "being THE best or getting THE best grades was never an expectation. However, doing YOUR best was, and that is what she should strive to achieve." She also watched her father and mother return to

college and attain degrees, emphasizing the importance of education. Her parents had an interest in volunteering and community service, and she began to participate in organizations and causes in junior high. She even served as a lector at her church, and was among the first group of women lectors, and the first teen. Maryalice worked as a babysitter, waitress, factory worker, and nurse's aid during her adolescent years. After high school she attended the University of Michigan and majored in nursing. She joined Gamma Phi Beta sorority, where she took on leadership roles, served as Vice President of PanHellenic, and was chair of their largest fundraiser... the plant sale. She quickly learned the ropes of heading a committee and serving as chair. She obtained her BSN in April of 1979. Upon completion of her degree Maryalice worked in the newborn nursery at the hospital where she was born. In 1981 she became a public health nurse and has worked in public

health in Michigan, California, and Wyoming. She is currently a public health nurse at Albany County Public Health. Maryalice moved to Laramie in January of 2008, and attended that years' Style Show where she was seated at the same table as Deedee Boysen, and knew she wanted to join the group immediately. She joined in early 2009 and has been on several committees including the Style Show, Birthing Kits, Climb Graduations, Rose Day, and PR Committee. Maryalice has been married to her husband Joe for thirty years, and is the mother of two children, Angela and Joe. She has two grandchildren on the way, two animals named Angel and Buddy, and a grandpup named Teddy. Since moving to Laramie, she has participated in UW Parents Association, Zonta, Soroptimists, America's Junior Miss, Laramie Plains Museum, and served as a lector at St. Laurence. It is easy to see why Maryalice was selected as Zontian of the Year and we would like to congratulate and thank her for all her hard work and achievements!



Tasha presenting Maryalice with the Zontian of the Year Award

Submitted by Stephanie Schroeder

Area 2 Meeting Recap

Review, Revise and Rejuvenate was the theme of the 2012 Area 2 meeting, which was held in Ft. Collins, CO on April 14th. Laramie Zontians Amber McKee, Angela Ver Ploeg and Deedee Boysen attended along with about 25 other Zontians from Cheyenne, Douglas, and Ft. Collins Clubs. The program kicked off with a presentation from Janelle Knospel, who discussed "branding Zonta" and how that marketing technique can be used by clubs to attract new members. Branding is a strategy that helps people recognize an organization. For example, Zonta is an organization that has a mission to improve the status of women globally and locally. How do

we share that and tell our story? She encouraged the audience to think about our club and how we "sell" it to others and to consider stepping up our publicity. She particularly noted the value of using social media as a venue for sharing club events and recognitions, and added that keeping your information current is extremely beneficial, and should be a priority for all organizations with a website presence. Kay Meyer, our outgoing Governor, provided a summary and statistics to give us a picture of district-wide accomplishments this past biennium. For example, she stated that D-12 clubs contributed over \$177,000 to

local service projects, and over \$70,000 to ZI projects in FY 2011. Sheila Davis, our outgoing Lt. Governor (and soon to be Governor) spoke about membership throughout our District and gave us some great ideas for building membership in our clubs. She also spoke of the Governor's Seminar, which will be held in Denver on September 21 - 23, 2012. This is something new and will have a different format than our District Conferences. The theme is "Passport to Zonta" and will provide leadership training for all club officers, committee members, and others who just want to find out more about Zonta.

Submitted by Deedee Boysen

New Board Members and Officers

This May meeting marks the transition of the new board and leadership positions for the upcoming year. We would like to thank and congratulate the new officers!

President—Kathy Galster

President Elect—Becky Kosach

Secretary—Maryalice Gulino

Treasurer—Martha Reisch

Assistant Treasurer—Wendy King

Parliamentarian—Ashley Schluck

Directors 2012-2013—Evelyn Haskell, Beth Robertson, Effie Bader

Directors 2013-2014—Nevada Jackson, Karol Hodges, Kim Fraizer

Nominating Committee—Mary Mountain, Tasha Bauman, Sarah Hellevang



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