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Summer 2013 Newsletter

Zonta Club of Laramie

Events:

October 4-6

District 12 Conference

October 15

Board Meeting

October 24

Club Meeting

November 4th

6:00—7:30pm

Zonta Membership Social

At the Alice Hardy Stevens Center

November 12

Board Meeting

November 14th

7:30 pm

Self Defense Class for Women and Girls

At Blossom Yoga

November 21

Club Meeting

December 7

Holiday High Tea

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This year's Zontian of the Year is Becky Kosach. The ceremony took place during the May meeting with 2012 Zontian of the Year Maryalice Gulino presenting the award to Becky. Maryalice spoke about the different ways Becky has contributed to Zonta through recruiting efforts, committee work, leadership roles, and fundraising, and how these efforts have benefited the club. Becky has always been a leader. She was born in California and spent most of her childhood in the East Bay Area. She moved to Laramie in high school, and immediately became friends with fellow Zontians Erin Bohnet, Ashley Schluck and Effie Bader. During high school Becky achieved outstanding grades and created visually impactful art. Becky would attribute who she is today to lessons she learned from reading, listening to music, and creating art. She has an amazing work ethic and has always been an exceptionally driven individual. She values hard work, honesty, fairness, and loyalty and truly exemplifies these qualities. After high school Becky attended the University of Wyoming and majored in art. Becky has had her work shown in the UK and Brazil and continues to create and show her work. During college Becky worked as a barista and a bartender where she had the opportunity to really fine tune her people skills. She joined Pi Beta Phi sorority in the Fall of 1995. She obtained her Bachelor's of Art in Dec of 1999 and a Bachelor of Criminal Justice in 2001. Upon completion of her 2nd degree, she worked at Wyotech in Career Services and

Education, leaving to be a legal assistant to the Albany County Attorney. During this time, Becky pursued her Master's Degree in Public Administration, graduating with her MPA in 2007. Becky started at Ivinston Memorial Hospital in 2006 and is currently the Assistant Director of Human Resources and Education at the Ivinston Memorial Hospital. Becky has always been a person who helps others, whether it is in offering great advice or getting out there and helping. She joined Zonta in 2008 and has served on and/or chaired many committees including the Membership, Style Show, Birthing Kits, Climb Graduations, Rose Day, and Suited for Success. Becky also serves on the board for the Naughty Pines Derby Dames with Zonta Director Emily Parsons. Becky lives with her boyfriend Brian. They have two dogs named Nigel and Cici. It is easy to see why Becky was selected as Zontian of the Year and we would like to congratulate and thank her for all her hard work and achievements!



Summer Events

Membership is planning a Zonta Membership Social on Monday, November 4 at the Alice Hardy Stevens Center from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

This summer the club's Membership Committee hosted two great events. Kicking off in June with the Zonta Family Picnic, an event for club members to gather at the park with their families. This fun event at the picnic shelter in La Bonte Park allowed those in attendance a beautiful evening to lounge around on blankets with pets, and spouses, while children played on the playground.

In July, the Pot Luck Garden Party took place in the beautiful garden at Lynn Erickson's home. Club members brought snacks and beverages and enjoyed another beautiful summer evening.

Membership is planning a **Zonta Membership Social on Monday, November 4 at the Alice Hardy Stevens Center from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.** Please let Deedee or Amber know if you would be interested in participating in the Salute to Founders skit.



Welcome Back Zontians!!

- Suited for Success is currently looking for free standing clothing racks. If you have any available or have any clothing donations please contact Devon or Elaine.
- Our clubs Nu2u Account Number is 2241. This is a great way to help our club earn extra money.

- The Club History Committee is looking for any Zonta memorabilia you might have, news clippings, photos, or other items. They would be happy to borrow and return these items or store them at the American Heritage Center with the Lucile Tihen scrapbook collection.
- Zonta Board meetings are open to all members, please feel free to attend whenever you have the opportunity.

Z-Club Members at the Welcome Dinner with Z-Club Sponsors Tamara Bretting & Jennie Fournier



**Zonta Club
Members
Welcome Z-Club
at a Dinner**

Zonta Club of Laramie members attended the Laramie High School Z-Club pot luck dinner to welcome new members. Family and friends of the newly instated Z-Club also attended the event. Zonta Club of Laramie is very excited about this new Z-Club, and can't wait to see what the future holds.

Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Winner is Lori Lewis

Meet our new Jane M. Klausman Scholarship winner for the year Lori Lewis. Not only was Lori selected as our club's winner, but also by our district.

Lori has lived and worked in Laramie, Wyoming, for 15 years, having migrated here from Western Nebraska as a University of Wyoming freshman. For nearly nine years, she has been employed at the University of Wyoming, primarily in graduate education. Her additional work experience has been in human re-

sources and banking. Currently, she works part-time for the College of Business while enrolled as



a full-time student. This summer, she completed an internship with the Legislative Service Office Program Evaluation Department in Cheyenne, Wyoming. This fall, she will have the opportunity to teach Accounting 1020, Principles of Accounting II.

She is married to James (Jamie) Lewis and has a daughter, Molly. When she is not studying, she spends her time with her family or enjoying her hobbies: cooking, quilting and reading.

New Z's plan Self Defense Class

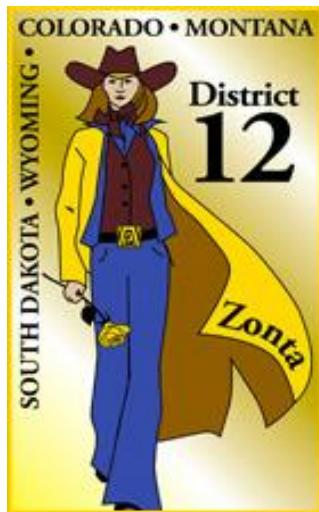
The New Zs group includes all members who joined after May 31, 2013 and will include other new members as they join throughout the year. They have met monthly throughout the summer and have planned a **Self Defense Class for Women and Girls** which will be held on **November 14th from 7:30—9:30 pm at Blossom Yoga**. They

are partnering with our Z Club, Zonta for High School girls, on this project. Amber Zmolek (formerly Amber McKee) is the club mentor for the New Z group.

Lenny Martin will be the instructor for the class. Lenny will focus first on addressing many misconceptions associated with self-defense. Lenny will spend

time teaching participants how to avoid these situations in the first place, and how to stop the attack before it happens. He will then teach some initial techniques of how to escape the possible scenarios that can't be avoided. This class will serve as only an introduction to a lifetime of continued education on self-defense.

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District 12 News

- The **District 12 Conference**, will take place October 4-6, 2013 in Cañon City, Colorado. The conference will be at the beautiful Abbey Events Center complex. There will be inspiring speakers and educational training. Several of our Laramie club members plan on attending.
- The **District 12 Website** has been completely re-done and looks amazing. Please check it out at <http://zontadistrict12.org/>
- The **Zonta District 12 Facebook** page is full of information about what is going on in our district. Please take a look and "like" it to stay up to date with people, events, & clubs in our district! <https://www.facebook.com/ZontaDistrict12>

Zonta Committee/Fundraiser Chairs 2013 – 2014

Area 2 Meeting: Co-Chairs

Deedee Boysen
Becky Kosach

Advocacy Committee: Co-Chairs

Tasha Bauman
Kathy Galster

Sub Committee: United Nations

Climb Graduation: Co-Chairs

Karol Hodges
Nevada Jackson

Club History

Deedee Boysen

Holiday High Tea

Debi Ockers

Ivinson Open House

Mary Mountain

New Fundraiser

Deedee Boysen

Membership: Co-Chairs

Deedee Boysen – Recruitment
Amber McKee – Retention

Public Relations & Communications

Erin Bohnet

Rose Day: Co-Chairs

Kim Frazier
Tasha Bauman

Salvation Bell Ringing

Patty Butler

Scholarship Committee

Angela Ver Ploeg

Service Committee: Co-Chairs

Sarah Hellevang
Lori Kirk

Suited for Success: Co-Chairs

Devon O'Connell
Elaine Schumaker

Style Show: Co-Chairs

Effie Bader
Karol Hodges
Nevada Jackson

T-Shirt/Store Sales

Deedee Boysen

Z Club: Co-Chairs

Tamara Bretting
Jennie Fournier

ZI Ambassadors: Co-Chairs

Charlotte Davis
Mary Mountain
Bonnie Robertson

Zonta 5-K

Johnna French

Get involved—Join a committee!

Please speak with the committee chair(s) for more information.

2013-2014 Officers

President - Becky Kosach

President Elect - Effie Bader

Vice President - Ashley Schluck

Secretary - Amanda Hauser

Treasurer - Martha Reisch

Assistant Treasurer - Wendy King

Past President - Kathy Galster

Parliamentarian - Bonnie Robertson



Directors 2012-2014 - Kim Frazier, Karol Hodges, Nevada Jackson,

Directors 2013-2015 - Winter Hansen, Amber McKee, Emily Parsons

Nominating Committee - Kathy Galster, Maryalice Gulino, Beth Robertson



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