

# Brite Lights

Spring 2012 Newsletter

Zonta Club of Laramie

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## Birthing Kits 2012

On February 11, 2012, Gem City Bone and Joint's physical therapy area served as a massive assembly line. 25 Zontians, family and friends made well over 600 birthing kits in the record time of less than an hour and a half! The previous week featured the preassembly plastic cutting night at Cowgirl Yarn, which also lasted around an hour and a half. During the two short events, a LOT of work was accomplished in record time! Fun, fellowship, and an incredible effort that DOES make a positive impact on reducing infant mortality in impoverished areas of the world, making this project an extra special one to Laramie Zontians. We would like to thank Evelyn for bringing this service project to Laramie several years ago, and congratulate Sarah and Evelyn for chairing this very successful project. The kits are now ready for delivery to various parts of the world, where they will be given to women who will use them when given primitive circumstances. With a birthing kit, women who receive the kits can now give birth safely, on a clean surface, with clean items. This greatly increases the chance for the newborn and mother to avoid serious and/or fatal infections that would be highly likely without the birthing kit.

Submitted by Maryalice Gulino



Birthing Kit assembly at Premiere Bone and Joint

## Rose Day Recap

Rose Day was a huge success this year, not only did we exceed our goal of 500 roses, but we had a great turnout for both our Assembly Day and Delivery Day. The smell of roses was in the air as Laramie area Zontians came together to assemble and distribute 512 roses for local delivery in honor of International Women's Day (March 8th). Yellow roses have represented International Women's Day since 1999. Rose Day is one of three main fundraisers for our club. Zontians in the Laramie area sell, assemble, and distribute these roses. This year Assembly Day took place at Killian Florist, on March 4th, and the roses were delivered on March 5th. Thank you Killian Florist, and thank you to everyone who participated and made this event such a wonderful success!

Submitted by



Rose Assembly Day at Killian Florist

Maryalice Gulino

## Zonta Area 2 Meeting in Ft. Collins

Please speak with Deedee if you would like to attend!

We're getting closer and closer to the Zonta Area 2 meeting in Ft Collins. Mark your calendars to save the dates of April 13th and 14th for this wonderful leadership event. It is open to all Zontians in our area. The area includes clubs in Cheyenne, Douglas, Laramie and Ft. Collins, and of course we're hoping for a good turnout from our own club. The Area 2 meeting provides an excellent venue for us to meet Zontians in other clubs and to learn about their experiences in fundraising, service, advocacy and club leadership.

This year the meeting's theme is "Review, Revise, and Rejuvenate" and will focus on how each of the clubs in our area have done just that. The meeting starts off on Friday night at 5 PM at Ace Gillett's in Ft. Collins with drinks, appetizers, jazz and socializing. It is a lot of fun and a perfect opportunity to meet District and Area leaders and get to know each other on a first name basis. The meeting officially begins at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning, so if you wish to have breakfast or register that day, you need to do so before then

(between 7:30 and 8:30 AM). The meeting will be held at CB & Potts at Collindale, at 1441 East Horsetooth Rd. Deedee, Kathy and Amber are driving on Saturday morning, and invite you to join them. Deedee has room for 2 more people in her car, so please let her know if you want to ride with her. Lunch is included in the \$45 registration fee. Bring a few dollars for the scholarship raffle too!

Submitted by Erin Bohnet

## Membership Spotlight

Angela was born and raised in San Jose, California, and moved to Laramie in August 2004 to attend the University of Wyoming. As a student at UW, Angela was a member of the Wildfire Dance Team and Delta Delta Delta sorority. During her 4 years as a collegiate Tri-Delta, Angela held many officer positions and chaired many events. She graduated in spring 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. Already employed at graduation in the newly opened Hilton Garden Inn/UW Confer-

ence Center, Angela has quickly moved up the career ladder to her current position as Director of Sales and Marketing. In addition to her full time job at Hilton Garden Inn/UW Conference Center, Angela has started her own business "VP Pageant Consulting". Angela's first exposure to Zonta was in 2008 when the Style Show committee was planning that event to be held at the newly opened Hilton Garden Inn/UW Conference Center. Although she meets with many organizations who are planning events, she credits Deedee Boysen with creating an interest in her consideration of

Zonta membership. Through attending the 2008 style show as a guest, and attending meetings over the next couple of months, her passion grew for the Zonta. Angela quickly expressed an interest in serving on the Style Show committee for 2009, and she was invited to chair the event. In the spring of 2010, Angela was approached to take the position of president-elect for 2010-2011, which would therefore also be the position of president for 2011-2012.

Angela and Tom expect a handsome addition to their family when their son is born in July!

Submitted by Maryalice Gulino



Angela at 2011's Style Show

## New Member Spotlight

Submitted by Stephanie Schroeder

Amber McKee was born in Torrington, Wyoming in 1988. During her childhood in Torrington she worked at the local bowling alley and grille, which her parents owned. She moved to Laramie in 2007 to attend the University of Wyoming and focused on business and accounting. While attending UW, Amber was a member of the Chi Omega sorority, in which she served as both the Community Service Chair and the Sisterhood Chair. She also worked at B.C. Technologies as an office manager, which is also where she first heard of the Zonta Club of Laramie. While helping Deedee deliver roses in 2009, Amber learned what the organization is, and the

projects they do. Amber joined the Zonta Club of Laramie in 2011, and is currently on the OMC Committee, as well as Suited for Success. She is the Office Manager for the Mortgage Source of Laramie. Amber spends her time with her four-legged child, Michael Jackson, who is a Springer Spaniel. In 2011, Amber became a homeowner, and loves her new neighborhood.



Amber with her dog Michael Jackson

## Style Show 2012

Believe it or not, thoughts are already turning to our next annual Style Show, which is our most significant fall fundraising activity. There are many opportunities for members to participate on committees and to use their leadership skills. The show is set for Friday, November 9th, so please mark your calendars and plan to enjoy this absolutely spectacular fall event. Each year the event includes the fashion show, silent auction, food, drink, socializing, and lots of fun!

Submitted by Maryalice Gulino

## Women of Promise Scholarship

The scholarship applications have wrapped up, and had a record number of applicants this year. In total there were 36 separate applications....so many in fact, that our mailbox was jammed!

Info from Martha Reisch

## Zontian of the Year

Each year it is the honor and responsibility of the previous year's Zontian on the Year to select the next woman who best deserves this distinction. Zontian of the Year is the woman who best embodies the ideals of Zonta within her activities with the Zonta Club of Laramie. Tasha Bauman is our current Zontian on the Year, and will select our next

Zontian on the Year very soon. Tasha joined Zonta in early 2008 and has been involved in many of the activities. She has chaired Suited for Success, has been on the PR and OMC committees, has done Highway Cleanup, been involved on the Style Show committee, Rose Day committee and has served as assistant treasurer and treasurer. Tasha is our current Vice President. Tasha has invited the entire club to offer nominations. If you plan on nominating someone, please do it soon!

Content from website



Deedee presenting Tasha with the Zontian of the Year award in 2011

## Celebration of Memberships in Zonta of Laramie

The Zonta Club of Laramie would like to recognize and honor the women who have been members of our club for 10 or more years. We have an outstanding list!

- Dorothy Soule - member since 1979 - 33 years
- EmmaJo Spiegelberg - member since 1982 -- 30 years
- Jane Thomas - members since 1983 -- 29 years
- Trixie Harvey-McGraw - member since 1983 - 29 years
- LJ Guthman - member since 1984 -- 28 years
- Charlotte Davis -- member since 1986 -- 26 years
- Sue Wedel -- member since 1988 -- 24 years
- Lynn Erickson -- member since 1988 -- 24 years
- Evelyn Haskell -- member since 1991 -- 21 years
- Betsy Weist -- member since 1994 -- 18 years
- Patty Butler -- member since 1994 -- 18 years
- Pauline Hopkins -- member since 1994 -- 18 years
- Zella Milliken -- member since 1995 -- 17 years
- Nancy English -- member since 1996 -- 16 years
- Mary Mountain -- member since 2002 -- 10 years

Thank you, for all that you have given to our club over the years. You have supported us, served as amazing re-sources for the myriad of questions that always come up, and have provided continuity to our programs -- just by being here. Many of you have held offices and supported the club with your leadership . All of you have served on committees, lending your time and energy to the success of our club fundraisers, service projects and advocacy programs. Many of you have also been our Zontians of the Year. Thank you, each and every one of you!!

Content from website

### Articles for Newsletters

The PR Committee would like to remind everyone that we would like to receive your ideas for topics to cover, article submission, or committee spotlights! Please email Stephanie Schroeder with articles or ideas, and we will find a spot to put it in our next newsletter!

### Interested in Being More Involved?

Volunteer for a committee, sign up to be a greeter or hostess, help with events, or contact the nominating committee about being on the board!

### Suited for Success Donations

Due to the lack of a permanent space, we are asking that ALL donations be made to NU2U. Conservative businesswear type clothing can be taken to NU2U and put on the Zonta consignment account #2441.



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