

Year in
Review
March
2021



ZONTA
CLUB OF
BLACK HILLS

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Zonta Club of the Black Hills has had an exciting year full of renewed service work, advocacy, and promoting what Zonta Club of the Black Hills offers the community and the role of Zonta International.

Advocacy

This year we honored five incredible women in our community who make priceless contributions to the lives of women and families in the Rapid City, SD area. We were able to present them with yellow roses and Zonta 100 Years mugs at our March Monthly Meeting at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. These women are: Lysa Allison (Cornerstone Rescue Mission), Charity Doyle (One Heart Campus), Tasha Frisinger (Monument Health), Lynn Paulson (Immunology Specialist/ not pictured), and Canada Salter (A Perfect 10 Nail and Beauty Bar).



Program

We hosted many of these speakers via Zoom from July 2020 to January 2021 and started having hybrid meetings (in person and zoom) February 2021. We listened to informative presentations from Molly Barari (Vitalant Blood Services), Sara Baker (Dress for Success), Judy Oldham (American Association of University Women), Michelle Fisher (2019 WDT Scholarship winner), Charity Doyle (One Heart Campus), Marla Meyer (Girl Scout Horizons), and Susan Hardina (Black Hills Road Trip of Hope/ Breast Cancer).



Susan Herdina
Black Hills Road Trip of Hope

Club Foundation Ambassadorship

Forty percent of our club donated to the “Every Member/ Every November” fundraising event ☺

Service

This year, our club decided to focus more on service through time and donation than raising money for grants. We decided to partner with the One Heart Campus, in Rapid City.

ONEHEART

a place for hope & healing

Each month we have determined a few items that we gather donations to give to One Heart Campus. These items are inspired from the “wish list” that One Heart puts on their website. After each monthly meeting, a member of the service committee takes the donations to One Heart to be used by their residents. You can see the list of items we are collecting each month on our website: www.zontacluboftheblackhills.org.

Scholarship

This year, we applied for a COVID Grant to help fund our scholarships. We were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the South Dakota COVID Relief Fund. The money that we received will fund our scholarships this year and for the next three years.

Fundraising

Given that having a large group gathering event, like the Expo that we've had over the last 30 years, we decided to host an online Facebook Auction. The money raised will be given to Zonta International, our travel fund, and service activities.

Fellowship

We are going to try something new... a Zonta Club of the Black Hills singing group! Naturally, we will wait until it is safe to gather together and sing, but this is likely to be a great fellowship activity ☺.

Zontian of the Year Celebration

We gathered outside to present Marti Nesland with the Zontian of the Year honor.



Raising awareness for Zonta

We decided to use funds from our last Expo to rent a display case in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Now that people are returning to that venue, our display case is up for all to see.



We hope that you'll make time to stop by and see the monthly displays that we will put in the case. We started with "What is Zonta?". We will feature the "What They Were Wearing" display in April, August-September, and November. Our scholarships will be promoted in May and membership will be promoted in June and January. World Day Against Trafficking Persons and South Dakota Trafficking Awareness will coincide with International World Day Against Trafficking Persons Day (July 30). We will highlight the need to more focus on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in December and will round out our 12-month rental with the "What is Zonta" display.

What a year!

Despite the challenges of the past year, Zonta Club of the Black Hills has continued to serve the people of our community. We are proud to be able to state that we continued our education of services in our area, donated items to people in need, and supported each other through the ups and downs of our personal and professional lives. We look forward to even bigger and better things in the year to come.