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Governor's Message

Dear Zontians,

Happy New Year! My wish for you is a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2003. My wish for Zonta is retention of members, growth in our District and around the world, and understanding of the critical need to improve the status of women everywhere.

Currently District 12 is doing very well. We completed a successful District Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Zonta Club of Cheyenne did a wonderful job planning and orchestrating the event. I can't thank them enough for their hard work, dedication, and good ideas. Now it is time to look forward to our next district conference in Billings, Montana. I have complete confidence in the Billings Club, and my feeling is that we will only get better. We also can look forward to having our International Representative, Betty Jane Bourdon, at our conference. Make plans now to attend.

Be sure to read this issue of the *Outreach* thoroughly. I will touch on a few things, but to be fully informed you need to catch the details in the ensuing articles.

I am proud to announce the District's newest club, the Zonta Club of Douglas County. Also, we have received authorization from Zonta International to form a new club in Gillette, Wyoming. Along with the growth of the new club, all of our existing clubs seem to be holding their own in membership.

Included in the *Outreach* you will find a registration form for a Trafficking and Trade Conference being put on by Global Partnership for Humanity. Zonta District 12 is proud to be a co-sponsor of this conference, and I encourage your participation. Since Trafficking and Trade is a current service project of Zonta International, I believe that the issue is very timely. This is also a great public relations opportunity for us. There are several Zontians already committed to attending. If you will be able to attend, please let me know; it would be good for us to be together.

Also included in the *Outreach*, you will find information about the area meetings and our ever-famous plaque project. Please try to attend your area meeting. Your area director is currently working very hard on this meeting for all of you. Show your support. You will not be sorry. The time has come to bring the plaque project to a close. In order to do this, the price is reduced.

As always I appreciate and care about each and every one of you. Thank you for doing your part in improving the status of women not only in your own communities but also around the world. I am aware that some clubs are having a problem moving to the goal of contributing one-third of their service dollars to International service projects. This is an integral part of Zonta. Your help is needed. I am sure there are doubts and fears connected to this issue. I believe it would be helpful to identify what is going on and attempt to solve it. I will be visiting all area meetings and would ask you to consider visiting with me about your club's contribution to International service projects.

In closing, remember the lines in the Collect for Club Women:

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are at one.

Yours in Zonta,
Mary

**CONGRATULATIONS
Past Governor (1994-1996)
Jacki Sammons
on your election
to a four-year term
on the Zonta International
Foundation Board!**

Zonta International District 12 Mission Statement

Zonta District 12's purpose is to build, develop, and maintain strong clubs through support, leadership, and communication in order to further the mission of Zonta International.

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS

AREA 1

All clubs in Area 1 are working on the reclassification of their membership which is quite a challenge. The clubs are also sending in their Employee Identification Numbers (EIN's) to International as requested. All clubs in Area 1 have now paid their dues so we will continue to have seven clubs.

Work has begun on chartering a new club in Gillette, Wyoming. Jane Page from the Black Hills Club is leading the charge. Even though this club has taken a leadership roll, the new club is really an Area 1 project. If you know any woman who might be interested in joining Zonta in Gillette, please let Jane know. If you are interested in helping with some of the initial meetings, please volunteer. This is an exciting event for our area and district. Please help wherever you can.

The Area 1 Meeting will be Saturday, April 26, with a social time planned for Friday evening the 25th. It will be located at the Howard Johnson Express in Rapid City. There are no restrictions on the number of people who may stay in a room which is priced at \$49 each. The program on Saturday will include time spent on leadership training and tolerance of diversity. Friday evening will be fun with a scavenger hunt at the Journey Museum followed by a pizza party and prizes. If you haven't been there, you will find that the Journey is a beautiful museum, and the gift shop is wonderful, too. There will be a hospitality room following at HoJo's. The registration fee is \$35, if you send your registration and check before April 1 (late registration will be \$45). Please plan to attend—this event promises to be fun and interesting!

—Nancy Trautman, Area 1 Director
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AREA 2

Area 2 is busy and active! New members are being initiated in all clubs:

Cheyenne Total new members unknown but total membership at 47
Converse Three new members in February, 2002, with total membership at 24
Fort Collins Three new members since June, 2002, with one additional new member pending dues payment. Total membership at 20
Laramie Eleven new members in January, 2003! Congratulations!

Fort Collins is planning the Area 2 meeting for April 11-12, 2003. Proposed location is Sylvan Dale Ranch just west of Loveland. Watch for your official call to meeting to be received during the first week of March.

HOT NEWS!

Cheyenne: The 2002 Antique Show netted over \$9,000.

Mark your calendar for the 2003 Antique Show on September 13-14. A "Women's Institute" event is in planning stage for Spring, 2003. \$15K allocated to community service grants and scholarships. "Big Apple" fund established to assist with cost of sending delegates to International convention in 2004. A baby shower to benefit Early Head Start parents is scheduled for February, 2003.

Converse County: The Club is supporting one of their members, a Melaleuca rep, with product sales and designates 7% of revenue to Zonta International. President Francie Claus is perfecting her Krautburgers for a February, 2003, fundraiser. The third annual blood drive is in March, 2003. Yellow roses are being planted at community and business sites that have supported the Club.

Fort Collins: Spirit program scholarship recipients presented the September, 2002, program. Debbie Hindin-King presented a program on UN/International Relations at the October, 2002, meeting. The FUNdraising committee is researching a Women's Forum fundraiser after learning about the Colorado Women's Foundation fundraising luncheon which raised \$10K in Fall, 2002. Fifth Annual Zonta Putt Miniature Golf Tournament tentatively scheduled for summer.

Laramie: International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day will be celebrated in February with invitations to international guests and potential members. Roses will be sold and delivered to women in the community to raise awareness about women's issues and Zonta International. The Literacy Fair is scheduled for April 5, 2003.

Do you have friends, relatives, or business associates in Cheyenne, Douglas, Laramie, or Fort Collins who would be interested in Zonta? We can help our sister Area 2 clubs by recommending potential members to each other to keep our membership growing! After you talk about Zonta to women in other Area 2 communities, forward a contact name and phone number to me; and I'll forward it to the appropriate club.

See you at the Area 2 meeting in April!

—Sarah Bennett, Area 2 Director
sarahbennett@frii.com

AREA 3

Area 3 is very pleased to announce that a new club has been organized with 27 members—the Zonta Club of Douglas County. This club was sponsored by the Zonta Club of Denver, and the Charter Meeting will be held in approximately six to eight weeks.

The annual Amelia Earhart Dinner, hosted by the Boulder County Club, was held in Boulder with almost 100 in attendance. The Silent Auction was a great success

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with everyone trying to outbid each other! A terrific program included guest speaker, Dr. Fran Bagenal, Professor of Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences at the University of Colorado.

The Jefferson County Club will hold their Second Annual Colorado Women Authors' Luncheon on March 22 at Pinehurst Country Club in Lakewood. This was a great success last year and promises to be even better this year! Several Colorado authors will be attending.

The Boulder Foothills Club will be hosting a first-time event on April 12, an International Music Festival. We wish them great success!

Area 3 continues to collect cell phones for the Donate-A-Phone Project. This has been so successful that as soon as I empty my trunk of phones, it seems to fill up again! Great job by all the Area 3 Clubs!

The Area 3 Meeting is scheduled for April 5 and will be hosted by the Denver II Club. An exciting day is planned at the offices of Volunteers of America in downtown Denver with all attendees working together on a hands-on project. The guest speaker will be the First Lady of the Colorado School of Mines, Sharon Trefny, who will speak on how what is happening to women in Afghanistan and other parts of the world affects us here and now.

—Kate Linscott, Area 3 Director
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AREA 4

The clubs in Area 4 are gearing up for their first Area Meeting in this biennium, which will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Prowers County in Lamar, Colorado, on March 28-29. Plans at this point are to have a social event on Friday evening with an 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. meeting on Saturday.

Following are highlights of activities from the four Area 4 clubs:

Zonta Club of Canon City

- The Club will celebrate its 30th birthday on February 5 with a birthday cake and an overview of historical information.
- A new member recruitment meeting is scheduled for February 27. Their last recruitment brought three new members into the club with another two to three possible members in the future.
- The Club is gearing up for its annual art show, which will be held in September this year instead of June.
- Following a presentation by the new director of the local domestic violence/rape crisis center, several members are planning to take a training class in February to become volunteers within the organization.
- In November, members created 30 baskets of cosmetics for women in recovery at a local mental health center.

Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area

- During their annual holiday party, members gathered donations of gifts, food, money, and phone cards for Full Circle Alternatives, a residential program for women working to overcome drug and alcohol addiction. A member also presented a Mary Kay workshop to help residents look and feel better about themselves as they begin their sober lives.
- Two members held a Color Me Beautiful demonstration and analysis at a local high school for approximately 35 girls.
- Members continue to collect feminine products for a local shelter and card fronts for St. Jude Children's Hospital.
- This year's annual nut sales netted \$1,670 for service projects.
- The Club is considering new fundraising ideas to enhance its current projects.

Zonta Club of Prowers County

- The Club's Athena Award will be given to an outstanding woman in the community at the January Chamber of Commerce banquet.
- Club members are examining applications for the YWPA scholarship and will announce a winner shortly.
- Approximately 2,000 planners were printed and distributed in November to complete the Club's major fundraising project. This year's planner contained a calendar of events, including selected school activities.

Zonta Club of Pueblo County

- Members enjoyed the annual Christmas stocking stuffing dinner on December 17. They prepared approximately 125 stockings for children at the Posada Shelter, a Domestic Crisis shelter, and the Children's Advocacy Shelter. They also prepared 15 bags for women at the shelter who are victims of domestic violence.
- The Club's January meeting speaker was a representative from the Colorado Women's Network.

—Kate Brewster, Area 4 Director
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Area Meeting dates for 2003 are itemized below:

- ⇒ Area 1, April 25-26, Zonta Club of the Black Hills
- ⇒ Area 2, April 11-12, Zonta Club of Fort Collins
- ⇒ Area 3, April 5, Zonta Club of Denver II
- ⇒ Area 4, March 28-29, Zonta Club of Prowers County

Why not make 2003 the year to attend your Area Meeting? Try it; you'll like it!
—AMZ



DISTRICT JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

Pictured above are Governor Mary Benoit and Lariann Smith at the District Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Lariann Smith of Philip, South Dakota, was the recipient of the District 2002 Zonta International Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Award. She was a special guest at the District meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where Governor Mary presented her with the District scholarship check for \$400. Lariann was chosen for this honor because of her academic excellence and performance in her position as an intern at First Western Bank in Rapid City. Having completed her business and marketing studies at Western Dakota Technical Institute, she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Finance at Chadron State College in Nebraska. Lariann plans a career in the field of banking and finance. Lariann gave a speech at the conference thanking the members for the award and telling a little about her life growing up near Philip and attending a one-room schoolhouse. She is the first District winner to attend a District Conference and everyone enjoyed meeting her.

The Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Award is given to a woman who has completed two to three years in an accredited college/university/institute level program pursuing a degree in a business-related field. In the next few months clubs will be receiving the 2003 application forms to distribute to local colleges and universities. Once a local club winner is chosen, the application is sent to the District. The District winner receives a \$400 award, and the application is sent to International where five \$4,000 scholarships are awarded. Please contact Jane Page, District Scholarships/Awards+ Chairman for more information on this award.

—Jane Page, Scholarships/Awards+ Chairman

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD PROGRAM EXPLAINED

The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to recognize pre-university or pre-college women students' commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements, and dedication to the advancement of the status of women and thus to encourage more women students to enter careers in public affairs, public policy, and community organizations.

Eligible for the awards are pre-college or pre-university women students between the ages of 16-20. The deadline for getting your Club winner to the District Governor is April 1. Please contact your local high schools to let them know about this scholarship. The District winner receives a \$500 scholarship and her name is then forwarded to International to be eligible for an additional \$1,000 scholarship. For an application and information on the scholarship, contact Jane Page, janep@rushmore.com, or visit Zonta International's website at zonta.org.

—Jane Page, Scholarships/Awards+ Chairman

ZONTA CLUB OF DOUGLAS COUNTY IS NEW CLUB IN DISTRICT 12, AREA 3

The organizational meeting of the Douglas County Club was held on Monday, January 6. What a great way to start the year! The SOM club is the Zonta Club of Denver. There were several members of the Denver Club acting as club officers until the election was held. The charter president is Janell Will. Janell is the daughter of Dolores Lowery, who was District 12 Governor 1990–1992. Obviously Zonta dedication runs in the family.

You may recall that this Club was to be called the Zonta Club of Castle Rock. Since there was a great desire to expand the geographic area, the decision was made to go for Douglas County. Watch your e-mail and newsletters for the charter event to be held within the next few weeks.

—Mary Benoit, Governor

NEW ZONTA CLUB BEING FORMED IN GILLETTE, WYOMING

The Zonta Club of the Black Hills is in the process of starting a new club in Gillette, Wyoming. The Club is in the process of collecting names of eligible women who might be interested in joining. All District 12 members are asked to forward the names of any women in the Gillette area who may qualify. Please contact Jane Page, Gillette Club Chairman, 5011 S. Canyon Road, Rapid City, SD 57702 (605-348-9737, janep@rushmore.com), if you know of anyone.

—Jane Page, Chairman, Zonta Club of the Black Hills

Who are the people in your neighborhood? It is estimated that 4 million humans, mostly women and children, become victims of international trafficking each year (an estimated 50,000 of these victims enter the U.S). They are forced to work in the entertainment industry, prostitution, domestic work, carpet, garment, fishing, and brick industries and as warriors and camel jockeys. They are also used for labor in construction, farming and mining, drug trafficking, begging, illegal adoption of children, organ transplants, forced marriages, mail-order brides and other exploitative forms of work.

Tentative Conference Schedule

Friday, March 14, 2003

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Opening, welcome, and Keynote Trafficking speaker: Ann Jordan, Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons, International Human Rights Law Group, Washington, D.C.
Rebecca Story, INS HQ: Victims of Trafficking & Violence Protection Act of 2002, U.S. attorney’s Office
- 10:00 a.m. Concurrent workshop & panels:
(1) Freedom Network Training Workshop: Law Enforcement Track
(2) Freedom Network Training Workshop: Service Provider/Advocate Track
(3) Paper presentations (Root Causes of Trafficking of Persons)
- 12:00 Noon Lunch with Freedom Network Workshop (pre-registered only)/ all others lunch on your own
- 1:00 p.m. Concurrent workshop & panels:
(1) Freedom Network Training Workshop: Law Enforcement Track
(2) Freedom Network Training Workshop: Service Provider/Advocate Track
(3) Paper Presentations (Economics and Trafficking of Persons)
(4) Paper Presentations (NGOs/Trafficking)
- 4:00 p.m. Closing Plenary for Freedom Network Workshop attendees—Panel: “Burma A Country in Turmoil”
- 5:00 p.m. Buffet, Silent Auction and “Waiting to Exhale” photo exhibit by BJ Champlin

Saturday, March 15, 2003

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Trade speaker: Ritu Sharma, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Women’s EDGE, Washington, D.C., “Making Trade Work for Women”, Colorado Trade Representative
- 10:00 a.m. Concurrent workshops & panels:
(1) Teresa Mares, Village Earth: The Consortium for Sustainable Village Based Development
(2) Paper presentations
- 12: 00 Noon Lunch with Women’s Edge “How is trade affecting my community?” (Pre-registered only) All others lunch on your own
- 1:00 p.m. (1) Paper Presentations (Policy/Trafficking) and (2) University of Denver Human Rights Advocacy Clinic
- 4:00 p.m. Closing and round-table discussion: ”Where do we go from here?” (Women’s EDGE)

Confirmed Workshops:

Jenny Stanger, Media/Advocacy Director, Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) in Los Angeles, will provide a one-day workshop, sponsored by Freedom Network (USA) Trafficking in Persons Training Institute for law enforcement officers, FBI, INS, domestic violence advocates, health and service providers or any other interested individual who has or may have direct contact with trafficked victims. Freedom Network (USA) is a national coalition of service providers and advocates working to promote a human rights response to the problem of trafficking in persons.

Teresa Mares, Director of Resource Development with Village Earth: The Consortium for Sustainable Village Based Development, Fort Collins, Colorado. This workshop will explore the relation of microfinance and its power to empower women and alleviate poverty.

Special Event!

A buffet and silent auction will be held to raise funds for women and children on the Burma/Thailand border. “Burma: A Country In Turmoil” panelists include Dr. U Kyaw Win, Inge Sargent, Louisa Benson Craig and Dr. Kyi May Kaung. Also, “Waiting to Exhale,” a photo exhibit of the refugee camps & medical clinic in Mae Sot by BJ Champlin.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT information:

NAME _____
 Organization/Business _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____
 Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

I would like to participate in (check all those you will be attending):

- Freedom Network (USA) Workshop with Jenny Stanger (includes lunch—must be pre-registered)
- General Sessions
- Silent Auction and Buffet (must be pre-registered)
- Saturday Luncheon with Women’s EDGE (must be pre-registered)

I have enclosed a check/money order in the amount of:

- Student: \$10.00 (Sessions only) with ID
- Student: \$15.00 (Sessions+Continental Breakfasts) with ID
- Full Registration: \$35.00 (Sessions+Continental Breakfasts+Saturday Luncheon+Silent Auction/Buffer)
- Full Registration: \$45.00 (after February 28, 2003)

Pre-registration is advised. We cannot guarantee food or space for late registrations. No refunds. All conference proceedings in English. Conference to be held regardless of weather.

Make check/money order payable to:
“Trafficking & Trade Conference”
Mail this registration form and your check/money order to:
Karen Beeks, Conference Coordinator
2556 East Pine Bluff Lane, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
Registration Deadline: February 28, 2003

All conference attendees are responsible for the costs and arrangements of their own travel, food and lodging.

The Global Fund for Women will support travel funds for a few non-US participants to travel to the U.S. Please review guidelines on their website: <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org> or contact Ms. Amelia Wu, Global Fund for Women, telephone (415) 202-7640 or fax (415) 202-8604.

Visa Requirements: For more information, contact your nearest American Embassy or Consulate or visit http://travel.state.gov/visa_services.html

Location & Accommodations:

Location: The Tivoli Center at the Auraria College Campus is located in downtown Denver. If you are flying into Denver for the conference, check for shuttles to your hotel. Taxi fare from Denver International Airport to downtown Denver is approximately \$45.00 (US); RTD Bus approximately \$7.00 (US) to Market Street, downtown Denver.

Hotel Accommodation: The Executive Tower Hotel is located within a short walking distance from the college at 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, CO, 80202. A limited number of rooms will be available for \$79.00 per night and will be reserved on a first-come basis. Call 1-800-525-6651 to **make your reservations now!** The Westin at the Tabor Center Hotel, 1672 Lawrence Street, will have a limited number of rooms at \$109; call 1-800-westin1 or visit their website.

Parking for the Conference: Tivoli Center parking lot (on West side of Tivoli Center) or other parking lots in area.

The Institute for Women’s Studies and Services
Metropolitan State College of Denver
Campus Box 36, P.O. Box 173362
Denver, CO 80217-3362

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For more information contact: Karen Beeks, Conference Coordinator, Telephone: 303-470-7810, Facsimile: 303-791-0993, or E-Mail: wkbeeks@compuserve.com or wkbeeks@attbi.com

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Trafficking & Trade:
The Impact of Globalization on Women
Tivoli Center, Auraria College Campus
Denver, Colorado
March 14-15, 2003

“Trafficking as the recruitment, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining, by any means, any person for forced labor, slavery or servitude in any industry or site such as agriculture, construction, prostitution, manufacturing, begging, domestic service or marriage.” [Freedom Network USA]

SERVICE CHAIR HIGHLIGHTS DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

District 12 presents an annual service award consisting of international flags from countries around the world that have Zonta Clubs. This award is given to the club that has met the following criteria:

- (1) Annual report is turned in by the due date
- (2) High percentage of members are involved in the service project
- (3) Service goals are in line with International service goals
- (4) Community service projects that work to continue improving the status of women within the community
- (5) Projects that promote Zonta in the community
- (6) One third of Club service budget is allocated for International service

As always, Zontians of District 12 have given wholeheartedly to their service projects and have been generous to their communities in the commitment to improving the status of women. Zontians have given with time, given with financial support, and given with their hearts. I am pleased to announce that the Zonta Club of Lakewood-Golden and the Zonta Club of Billings tied for the award this year. **Below and to the top right are brief descriptions of their projects.**

The Zonta Club of Lakewood-Golden contributed 43 percent of its service funds to International projects and the Zonta Club of Billings contributed 33 percent. Congratulations to the members of both of these clubs for their caring and generosity!!

—*Kristy Schmitz*, Service/ZISVAW Chairman

Zonta Club of Billings Festival of Cultures

The Institute of Peace Studies affiliated with Rocky Mountain College sponsors the Festival of Cultures in Billings, Montana, annually in June on Peace Sunday. The Zonta Club of Billings has been a longtime supporter and “hands-on” participant donating over 200 hours of time and up to 50 member volunteers. They partner with the Afro-American and Black History Committee of Billings in coordinating activities in the African tent. Zontians supply volunteers to work the day of the event, helping with rainstick making, bead necklaces, an education/craft table, story telling, and general information. Prior to the event, members make beads for the bead necklaces, create the “rainstick” shell, pre-cut necessary materials, and bake cookies for the information table. They even help “raise” the tent. The African tent has become one of the focal points of the Festival of Cultures and is an event in which the Zonta Club of Billings is proud to participate.

Zonta Club of Lakewood-Golden Bridgeway Home

The Zonta Club of Lakewood-Golden has worked with Bridgeway, an independent, non-profit home located in metro Denver, providing education, housing, and support to homeless, pregnant teens and their babies. The members of the Lakewood-Golden Club have donated over 101 service hours. They are involved in Bridgeway’s annual fundraiser, they put together a “Zonta” gift that is part of the orientation package to the Bridgeway program, and they organize a special dinner with all the trimmings for Christmas.

RECORDING OF SERVICE AND FUNDRAISING HOURS EXPLAINED

Carol Rainey from Zonta International gives us the following explanation on what “service hours” are and can be accounted for toward a club’s service hour report:

- “Service hours” include the time members spend on service projects adopted by the club. The determination is based on the time commitment for the project, rather than the number of participants. For example, if the club has agreed to provide volunteers at a rape crisis center for ten hours a week, it does not matter whether one member spends ten hours or five members spend two hours each.
- Service Committee meetings do **not** count as part of “service hours.”
- “Service hours” do **not** include time members spend on projects that the club has not adopted, even though these may be consistent with Zonta aims. Similarly, “Service hours” do **not** include time spent on fundraising for local, district, or international service projects.
- “Fundraising hours” do include time spent on fundraising activities. These hours are recorded separately.

If you have any additional questions regarding the calculation and recording of service and fundraising hours, please contact Kristy Schmitz, District 12 Service/ZISVAW Chairman.

—*Kristy Schmitz*, Service/ZISVAW Chairman

MORE SERVICE NOTES

- Two projects have been adopted in Afghanistan; more information is forthcoming.
- The “Footprints of Service” has been discontinued; however, the “Avenue of Service” will continue.
- Make your individual and club donations early in the year to assure that International project commitments will be met.

—Governor *Mary*

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE OFFERS ASSISTANCE

One goal of the District Nominating Committee is to provide support for the Club Nominating Committee as they fulfill one of the most important jobs in the Zonta World—assuring a continual supply of qualified, enthusiastic candidates for leaders at the club, district, and international levels!

What are the signs that **your** Club Nominating Committee is functioning well?

1. There are several members who are qualified and willing to serve for each office and director position.
2. The slate of officers, directors, and nominating committee candidates are in place for the March meeting for presentation. The election is usually in April with installation in May.
3. The club membership has been researched and qualified District candidates have been forwarded to the District Nominating Committee by April 15. Qualified International candidates have been forwarded by March 15.
4. Potential candidates are recruited all year long, not just in March.

What would contribute to the Nominating Committee's success?

1. The Nominating Committee's success is directly related to the overall club's success in the areas of:
 - a. Recruitment—qualified members who are attracted by the club's dedication to improving the status of women.
 - b. Retention—membership terminations do not exceed the expected 10% attrition levels due to members leaving the area, or perhaps finding Zonta is really not fulfilling the promise of working to improve the status of women.
 - c. Leadership—members are involved with an active, efficient committee with opportunities to become committee chairmen, directors, and officers. Service projects support the goal of improving the status of women.
 - d. Training—all members have exposure on a continuing basis to resources from International and District. The club board assures that all members are informed and have manuals, etc.
2. Constant communication is critical between the District Nominating Committee and the Club Nominating Committee.
 - a. What are deadlines for various nominations?
 - b. What are qualifications for office at each level?
 - c. How can the District support this important committee?

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU NEED!

District Nominating Committee:

Betty Edwards, Chairman (betlow@aol.com)
Renee' Coppock (rcoppock@crowleylaw.com)
Anita Zastrow (AnitaZastrow@pie.midco.net)

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MADE THE PROJECT A SUCCESS

The Plaque project has been a very good District project. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one involved in the original planning and implementation of the project. You all worked very hard and did a great job. The project was originally discussed about 7 or 8 years ago. Within a short amount of time, we were able to pay off the original cost. Since then, the District has been able to donate \$1,386.30 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. This is quite commendable, and we are not at the conclusion yet. At the last district board meeting, it was decided that the time has come to bring the project to a close. Currently we will not be ordering more plaques, and the price has been reduced to \$5.00.

All of the Area Directors will have plaques at their area meetings. I encourage you to remember your new members and Zontians you are acquainted with around the world.

—Governor *Mary*

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ADDITION TO ZI WEBSITE

If you are in the habit of visiting Zonta International's website, you will find that there is a new addition ... on the member resource center pages. You need a user ID and password.

The user ID is: **zontainternatl**
password is: **amelia**

After you enter the user ID and password, it asks you for your name, e-mail, and club name (for the first time only). It is as simple as that! Enjoy visiting the website—there is a wealth of information on it. Including *the new member classification system*—**it is 23 pages long, and appears to handle any career or job you can think of!** Also, be sure to remind members who may need access to other information on those pages—reports, applications, graphics, calendar, idea box, help center, marketplace, etc.

—*Julie Bradley*, Public Relations Chairman/Historian

DISTRICT 12 CLUB WEBSITES

Log on to <http://zontadistrict12.org> to view your Club's website. Contact Webmaster Susie Nulty, Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area, nulty@money.org, for assistance with your Club's website or if you have any questions.

—AMZ

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (and ZONTA ROSE DAY) IS MARCH 8

International Women's Day (March 8) is a day to honor women, especially working women. Zontians have had added reason to celebrate International Women's Day due to the creation of Zonta Rose Day as a pilot project in 1999 to promote recognition of International Women's Day and to increase the visibility of Zonta.



International Women's Day is said to commemorate a march and demonstration on March 8, 1857, in New York by female garment and textile workers protesting working conditions. It is believed to have first been proclaimed as a holiday in Helsinki at an international conference of women in 1910. What is especially unusual about this most widely observed holiday of recent origin is that although it has its roots in the United States, it has been adopted by many other countries, including the former USSR and the People's Republic of China. It has even been declared to be a national holiday in others, such as Nepal and Afghanistan. The day is marked by exhibits, entertainments, and films in many countries, and women workers are presented with flowers or gifts.

The United Nations began observing International Women's Day in 1975—the International Women's Year. In his message for the Day on March 8, 1995, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali noted that "there is increasing recognition that the problems faced by women worldwide lie at the heart of the global agenda Efforts to improve the lives of women of the world offer in many cases the most immediate efficacious means of changing entire societies for the better."

Join Zontians around the world in celebrating Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day on March 8 in honor of all the women who have fought to make life and times better for those who follow. —AMZ

MEMO FROM LT. GOV EVELYN

What an exciting beginning to a new biennium! We started off with a wonderful and informative District Conference in Cheyenne at Little America. A special thank you to the Cheyenne Club for being very wonderful hostesses.

The District has continued on with renewed vigor. Everyone is excited, proud, and happy to welcome a new club to the district—Welcome Zonta Club of Douglas County. Our newest club has 26 members and growing—I am sure the number is already more than 26. Thank you for a job well done by Janell Will and everyone on the organizing committee in Douglas County. In addition, Jane Page is leading the Zonta Club of the Black Hills in the development of a Zonta Club in Gillette, Wyoming. Plans for the new club are progressing, and the addition of another club to our district this biennium looks promising. In addition, Past Governor Betty has completed a wonderful spreadsheet documentary of the membership of the District over a ten-year period. I am planning to provide some visual representation of membership records for each Area to see their record. A special thank you to Betty Edwards for a tremendous job well done.

I look forward to seeing everyone at area meetings this spring.

—Lt. Governor, *Evelyn*

FYI

According to information from Zonta International headquarters, District 12 had 610 members on May 31, 2002, and 617 members on December 31, 2003. **District 12 is one of only 11 districts where membership grew.** Also, recent information advises that Zonta will officially be in 70 countries soon. Macedonia has been approved as a new country, and a club is being formed. —Governor *Mary*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 8	Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day
Mar 15	Deadline for Clubs to forward International nominations to District Nominating Committee
Mar 15-16	Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre Spring Craft Show
Mar 22	Zonta Club of Jefferson County Second Annual Colorado Women Authors' Luncheon
Mar 28-29	Area 4 Meeting , Lamar, Colorado
Mar 30	Charter Event for the Zonta Club of Douglas County, Castle Rock
Apr 5	Area 3 Meeting , Denver, Colorado
Apr 5	Zonta Club of Laramie Literacy Fair
Apr 11-12	Area 2 Meeting , Fort Collins, Colorado
Apr 12	Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County International Music Festival
Apr 15	Deadline for Clubs to forward District nominations to District Nominating Committee
Apr 25-26	Area 1 Meeting , Rapid City, South Dakota
May 30-31	District 12 Board Meeting, Custer, South Dakota

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