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The Governor's Message

Dear Zontians,

Well here it is, the end of the biennium! It is truly a bittersweet feeling for me, for I have truly enjoyed being your Governor. This has been a very busy biennium, and District 12 has a lot to be proud of.

All of the area meetings were wonderful and inspiring. I appreciate all of the hard work by both the Area Directors and the hostess clubs. There were great speakers, great fundraising, a lot of learning, and, my favorite, the fellowship of all of the attendees. Each area director has an article in this Outreach. Read about their meeting and if you did not attend, please consider it for next spring. It is worth your time!

The most exciting news affecting District 12 right now is the chartering of the new club in Gillette, Wyoming. The organizational meeting was held on April 14, and the charter dinner will be held in Gillette on June 12. Club presidents, watch for the invitation to this great event. Gillette is the second club to be chartered in this biennium. The growth in the district is wonderful, but it is certainly not the time to sit on our laurels. The new clubs need our support and mentoring, just like our existing clubs and members. When good things happen, there is always a responsibility that must be shared by all of us. Please remember this and consider what you can do to foster the continued growth and mentoring of the district, your club, and the members of your club. Remember, membership retention and growth is everyone's responsibility.

Here is a question for all of you. Do you remember ZAP? Just as a refresher, ZAP is the Zonta Action Plan voted on at the District Conference in 1999. Past Governor Betty Edwards wrote a ZAP training manual and then Betty and her board, during the 2000-2002 biennium, traveled the district and gave the ZAP training to all clubs. ZAP is now being updated and expanded. It has now become the ZAP Institute and will involve yearly training of club

boards and interested members. It will also offer help for clubs year round. Watch for the ZAP Institute training near you.

Finally, it is time to think seriously about the Zonta International Convention in New York City. I know that we will have quite a large representation from District 12 at the convention. Please be sure that your delegates and proxies know the club's opinions on the voting issues and candidates. I am always available for help on bylaw issues, so feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing a great number of you in New York. Be sure to set the time aside to attend the District 12 meeting to be held at the convention. For those of you going—see you there!

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you for a wonderful biennium. As the song goes, "I've had the time of my life." The term as governor was great, but I look forward to being just another Zontian in District 12 and becoming more active in my own club, the Zonta Club of Denver.

Yours in Zonta,
Mary

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Great news! The Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills held an auction at the Area 1 meeting in April and raised over \$2,100 for the District Scholarship Fund. Each member attending the meeting brought an item to auction and every item sold. The money will be used to supplement the two District scholarships—the Young Woman in Public Affairs scholarship, awarded to a high school student, and the Jane M. Klausman Woman in Business Scholarship awarded to a woman in college majoring in the business field. It is now up to the District Board to determine how to best utilize the funds to supplement the scholarship funds received from International.

Fundraisers were also held at the three other Area Meetings with proceeds totaling more than \$200.

—submitted by *Jane A. Page*

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.

GILLETTE CLUB ORGANIZED

CONGRATULATIONS are in order! The Zonta Club of Gillette is a reality!

Governor Mary Benoit, Zonta Club of Denver member Linda Rhea, Zonta Club of the Black Hills President Shirley Hehn, Jo Prang of the Zonta Club of the Black Hills, and Jane Page of the Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre were witness to a wonderful event on April 14, 2004. Twenty paid members were required to charter, and we achieved just that number. Deb Niemi was elected Charter President. Her address is: First Interstate Bank, 222 S. Gillette Avenue, PO Box 3004, Gillette, WY 82717-3004 or e-mail to dniemi@fib.com.

—submitted by Jo Prang

2004-06 BIENNIUM

I want to take this opportunity to speak to the District 12 Zonta members to tell all of you that I am proud to serve as your District 12 Governor for the upcoming biennium. My goals for the biennium are clearly expressed in my theme which is “Building the future of Zonta on the foundation provided by the past leadership.” The previous leadership at the local, district, and international levels is inspiring, and I believe that the incoming District Board will follow in the tradition of excellence. We are all looking forward to serving District 12 for the next biennium.

I proudly announce to you the District 12 Board for 2004-2006, as follows:

Evelyn Haskell, Laramie, Governor
Beverly Morrow, Cheyenne, Lt. Governor
Denise Luckhurst, Pierre-Fort Pierre, Treasurer
Nancy English, Laramie, Secretary (Appointed)
Area 1 Director, *Priscilla Romkema*, Spearfish
Area 1 Vice Director, *Jane Page*, Pierre-Fort Pierre
Area 2 Director, *Linda Bogart*, Cheyenne
Area 2 Vice Director, *Francie Claus*, Converse County
Area 3 Director, *Barbara Nelson*, Lakewood-Golden
Area 3 Vice Director, *Julie Bradley*, Denver
Area 4 Director, *Sharon Roggy*, Pikes Peak Area
Area 4 Vice Director, *Susan Miller*, Prowers County
Directory/Outreach, *Anita Zastrow*, Pierre-Fort Pierre
Foundation Ambassador, *Betty Edwards*, Pikes Peak Area
Parliamentarian, *EmmaJo Spiegelberg*, Laramie
Public Relations, *Lynn Eggebrecht*, Billings
Scholarships/Awards, *Stephanie Seymanski*, Billings
Service/ZISVAW, *Mary Walker*, Cheyenne
Status of Women/Z Club, *Janell Will*, Douglas County
UN/International Relations, *Evie Ashmore*, Denver

The nominating committee will consist of Chair, *Kate Brewster*, Pikes Peak Area; *Elizabeth Clinton*, Pueblo County; and *Stephanie Seymanski*, Billings.

The Board is a wonderful group of dedicated District 12 Zontians representing each area of the

district, and we are all looking forward to the coming biennium.

The Board is eagerly participating in the planning of our annual District 12 Conference. The Conference will be held in Lamar, Colorado, and the planning committee of the Lamar Zonta Club has met with the incoming Governor on several occasions and plans for an exciting and worthwhile Conference are progressing smoothly. The Call to Conference will be in the mail in July, and we are looking forward to a wonderful Zonta time in Lamar, Colorado.

Yours in Zonta
Evelyn Haskell, Governor-Elect
District 12, Zonta International

2004-05 Club Presidents

Area 1—

Billings----- Maribeth Haynes
Black Hills ----- Tracy Manning-Egge
Gillette----- Debra Niemi
Glendive-----Connie Udem
Pierre-Fort Pierre ----- Laurie Bonrud Gronlund
Southern Black Hills ----- Kristy K. Schmitz
Spearfish ----- Mistie Caldwell
Sturgis Area ----- Pepper Massey-Swan

Area 2—

Cheyenne-----Valarie Rodekohr
Converse County ----- Holly S. Richardson
Fort Collins ----- Bridget Masters
Laramie----- Karen O. Smith

Area 3—

Boulder County ----- Toni Lorgan
Denver ----- Diane Twining
Denver II----- Carol Leffler
Douglas County-----Joslin Nagle
Foothills of Boulder County ----- Kay Meyer
Jefferson County -----Jane McLean Barnes
Lakewood-Golden-----Laurie P. Johnson

Area 4—

Canon City Area ----- Earlene Wolfers
Pikes Peak Area -----Teri Hermans
Prowers County----- Ileta Pierson
Pueblo County----- Colleen Armstrong

DISTRICT 12 BOOTS

For those of you who have attended International Conventions in the past, you know how much fun it is to exchange pins representing clubs, districts, and countries. Governor Mary Benoit will have the District 12 boots in New York at a cost of \$1 per pin. If you would like to have the pins beforehand, contact Mary at mary@mathiaslockandkey.com. We owe a debt of gratitude to Ellen Tye for arranging to have the pins made and for being the caretaker of the pins for many years.

THANK YOU, ELLEN!

AREA MEETING REPORTS

Area 1—April 23-24

Zontians of Area 1 met under the watchful eye of Crazy Horse Monument in Custer, South Dakota. The Friday evening social was hosted by the Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills with members furnishing Hors d'oeuvres. Area 1 members donated items to be auctioned with the evening's profits going to the District scholarship fund. Jeff Storm, Bradeen Auction Service (and husband of Zontian, Teresa Storm) sold items to generous Zontians for a total of \$2,102.50 being raised for the event.

Saturday was spent doing club reports and a follow-up on break out sessions, similar to those held at the District Conference in Billings. The sessions covered membership, service, fundraising, and nomination process. Part two of leadership training was continued from last year's Area 1 meeting with Virginia Wood Nelson working with members to identify their style of leadership and communication.

Luncheon speaker, Tamara Beach, told Zontians her story of being born in a detention camp in Germany. Her father died before she had an opportunity to know him. Her mother remarried a Russian man from the camp. He was a cruel step father. They all boarded a ship headed for America. Her step father later learned his family was alive in Russia and he could return without retribution. He took Tamara's step sister with him. She and her mother moved to California with other immigrants. Tamara was a latchkey child and found herself doing the cooking and cleaning while her mother worked; she was ten years old. At age 18, she became an American citizen. Tamara's story was that of women surviving and how she relates Zontians helping women survive. The part of her survival that she is not yet able to share is the death of her only daughter in a traffic accident two years ago. She is working through that grief, and as a strong woman, she will survive.

—Kristy Schmitz on behalf of
Nancy Trautman, Area 1 Director

Area 2—April 16-17

The Area 2 meeting was held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on April 16-17, 2004, at the Historic Plains Hotel. The delicious Friday evening dinner buffet offered a relaxing opportunity for members to reconnect.

The meeting began Saturday morning with a welcome by Nancy Freudenthal, First Lady of Wyoming and member of the Zonta Club of Cheyenne. Nancy shared her thoughts about continuing concerns regarding the wage gap and reminded us of the many instances in which the state of Wyoming made strides in women's opportunities.

Our President's Panel, featuring EmmaJo Spiegelberg from Laramie, Mary Walker from Cheyenne, and Bridget Masters from Fort Collins, quickly began to compete with the choir and music from next door. Our meeting was soon relocated to an alternate room in the hotel, and we complimented ourselves for our ability to be flexible when needed!

EmmaJo, Mary, and Bridget shared insights into their

respective club's activities in the areas of service projects, membership recruitment and retention, programs, and fundraisers. As always, the opportunity to share and brainstorm among the Area 2 clubs was well received and exciting, and it provided our members with new ideas to take back to their local clubs.

Our afternoon program consisted of updates from Mary Benoit about the ZAP Institute, Evelyn Haskell about district and international membership issues, Jacki Sammons about the work of the Zonta International Foundation, and Bev Morrow with ongoing information about Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs. Our afternoon speakers were universally dynamic, informational, and inspiring!

The first attempt for an Area 2 service project was "educational". Members paid an optional \$10 contribution to support the acquisition of sweatsuits and distribution bins. Approximately \$200 was contributed including a \$50 contribution from the Zonta Club of Fort Collins. The project was intended to allow members at the Area 2 meeting to assist with sorting the sweats and filling a bin for each club to take back to their community and donate to the local program of their choice. Given the meeting room relocation, and the extended time allowed for our programs and speakers, the "worker bees" from the Cheyenne club single handedly organized the project themselves and handed the finished distribution bins to the clubs attending. Many thanks to the Cheyenne members who took the initiative to finish this project while the meeting continued!

Approximately eight first-time Area 2 attendees were recognized by Governor Mary and received Zonta District 12 canvas bags.

EmmaJo Spiegelberg "made a difference" by handing out "You Made a Difference!" coins to show her appreciation for those that contributed to the success of this meeting.

The Area 2 meeting also involved a District 12 scholarship raffle. Governor Mary donated an "Amelia Bearhart" bear, and the three clubs in attendance also provided donations, including baskets and a Zonta logo shirt. Approximately \$240 was raised to support the District 12 Scholarship fund.

Thank you to the Cheyenne club members who hosted the Area 2 meeting, and especially Mary Walker, Linda Bogart, and Roberta Metzler, for their extensive efforts to make this meeting a worthwhile use of our time!

—Sarah Bennett, Area 2 Director

Area 3—April 3

The Area 3 Meeting was held on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the Spice of Life Event Center in Boulder, Colorado. Stephany Westhusin, President of the Boulder Foothills Zonta Club and her committee, put together a wonderful program and service project for the over 50 attendees. Our first speaker was Brenda Ingram-Lyle, Co-founder and Executive Director of The Family Learning Center. This non-profit organization helps residents in the Boulder area with employment, health

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care, daycare and pre-school programs, and parenting skills. The attendees then worked together on a hands-on service project of putting together backpacks which will be given to children in this program for camp field trips. This is the second year that attendees have worked together on a service project for a local organization and both times it has been a great success.

This past year, the Boulder Foothills Club became involved with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a preschool literacy program which enrolls children at birth and sends a book each month to their mailboxes until their 5th birthday. Sponsored by the Dollywood Foundation, Imagination Library is available to any community with volunteers like us who are willing to work together to give children and their parents the gift of reading. The Boulder Foothills Club received help from the local United Way and together they are having amazing results. Amanda Willis, Regional Director of the Dollywood Foundation, spoke to the group and brought a video made by Dolly Parton explaining why she started this wonderful library. Amanda brought along samples of the books they send to the children. The cost per child per year is only \$27.00, which includes the books and mailing fees. What a wonderful program—we were all inspired!

Attendees were also encouraged to go through their closets to find gently worn evening gowns and party dresses that would benefit high school girls looking for prom gowns. Several organizations in Boulder donated space for a sale in Boulder on April 18 with the gowns costing only \$15.00 each. What a great way to help young girls who would otherwise not have a chance to attend a prom!

Governor Mary Benoit gave a presentation on the ZAP Institute Training which begins in June for all new officers and board members. We also had Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Haskell from Laramie join us, and she gave the members an update on Z-Clubs.

I have so enjoyed working with the members in Area 3 over the past two years. They are an amazing group of hardworking and dedicated women with clubs that continue to grow. I want to thank all of them for their efforts in supporting the goals of Zonta International.

—Kate Linscott, Area 3 Director

Area 4—March 27

This year's Area 4 Meeting was held on Saturday, March 27, at the Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City, Colorado, hosted by the Zonta Club of the Canon City Area. Early arrivals on Friday night enjoyed a lovely dinner and much conversation at Le Petit Chablis French Restaurant.

Saturday's activities began with a welcome message by Mindy Minor, President of the Canon City club, and opening remarks/introductions by Area 4 Director Kate Brewster. District 12 Governor Mary Benoit shared information on the upcoming International Convention, increasing the excitement for those planning to travel to New York.

A presentation on Z Clubs/Golden Z Clubs developed by Bev Morrow was shared with attendees, which was followed by a team building activity. No one can say that Zontians don't enjoy veering from a serious agenda to have a good time

together!

Donna Vessey, character actress and business owner, spoke on "Women in Business," but also emphasized how important it is to spend our time wisely (being the busy women that we are!). She compared our time to money, asking us to think very carefully about how we "spend" our minutes.

Club reports brought everyone up to date on what is happening in both service and fundraising. This is always an ideal time to gather ideas for future consideration and much discussion about these activities occurred during the breaks.

Past Governor Betty Edwards called upon the Pikes Peak club's New Z's Committee to help with her "Advocacy" presentation. During this audience participation piece, Betty focused on how to be advocates under the Zonta umbrella as well as the importance of staying in touch with legislative issues that impact women.

Lt. Governor Evelyn Haskell shared membership information, which was both eye-opening and encouraging—another topic of conversation throughout the day.

A workshop entitled "Building Club Leaders" enabled attendees to work together to discuss why we must have leadership training and how to develop programs to meet this need. Results of the table discussions were shared with the entire group and a copy of the results will be sent to each club.

Jacki Sammons, Director, ZI Foundation Board, shared her expertise in both word and handouts. As always, her knowledge of the Foundation was a welcome addition to our agenda.

The International aspect of Zonta was focused on during an update presentation of International Projects, which was followed by First Timer's recognition by Governor Mary.

A buffet luncheon (including Holy Cross Abbey wine for those who wished to sample) was served at 1:00 p.m. Following lunch, Lola Spradley, Colorado State Representative and Speaker of the House, spoke on "The 2004 Colorado Legislative Session." Speaker Spradley discussed her position as the first female Speaker of the House and discussed several important issues before the House at the present time. She was a fascinating speaker and certainly shared important information with us.

Special thanks to the Zonta Club of Canon City for hosting this Area 4 Meeting. Their help in planning the Friday night dinner, securing the Holy Cross Abbey for our meeting, taking reservations and paying bills is greatly appreciated.

—Kate Brewster, Area 4 Director

Efficient Communication and Visibility [or ZI Requests Club E-Mail]

The Club Locator will be the primary way the public, prospective members, and program award applicants will contact Clubs. The 2004-2006 Directory will **not** contain specific contact information for each club or club president. Over time, HQ will be spending less money on mailings and will use e-mail as the primary method of communication.

Therefore, the ZI Board decided that every Zonta Club is expected to provide HQ an up-to-date e-mail address by **1 June 2005**. It is strongly suggested that each club E-Mail address remain the same from year-to-year and be checked frequently. All club presidents are urged to provide an e-mail address now.

—excerpt from *ZI Club Mailing, March, 2004*

2002-04 DISTRICT 12 BOARD

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REGULAR REPORTING OF CURRENT INFORMATION WELCOME TO KEEP DISTRICT 12 DIRECTORY INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE

The efforts of the Directory Chair continue to be focused on **encouraging active Club level reporting of members' information**. The continued expansion of the Directory is designed to enable all Zontians in District 12 to develop networking contacts.

Please continue to forward up-to-date information on a regular basis to:

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NOTE: It is especially important to provide the most current, workable e-mail addresses so that members can receive the District 12 *Outreach* in a timely manner.

Remember to submit items for the District 12 Scrapbook to Julie A. Bradley, District 12 Historian. You can contact her at julieqbradley@attbi.com. Also, if you or your Club have items that should go into the district archives, please contact your area director.

Women in Politics Still Lagging

One of the things that continues to bother me about the struggle to maintain and grow Zonta membership in the United States is the seeming complacency that American women have regarding their status. Do women have it made in the U.S.? Can we afford to assume that our status is secure? I don't think so.

If women in the U.S. have it so good, why do we still have such a high rate of domestic violence and rape? Why have we not had a woman President or Vice President in the history of this country? and Why aren't more women in politics and leadership positions?

This is the question raised in a recent article in *Parade* magazine. According to this article, today's new generation of politicians are cut from the same cloth as their predecessors: 86% are men, 81% are white, and 29% have a relative who served in office. This lack of progress for women and minorities worries Marie Wilson, president of the White House Project, a nonpartisan organization

that seeks to get more women in leadership roles. Wilson says that the media don't take women politicians seriously. She cites a White House Project study which shows that on *Meet the Press* and other Sunday morning talk shows (which often shape policy), male guests outnumbered women 13 to 1 after 9/11, even though Dianne Feinstein and two other women chaired Senate subcommittees on terrorism. When the media do cover women, the focus tends to be on personal issues, such as appearance; men are more likely to have their positions discussed.

The White House Project is launching "Vote, Run, Lead," to get more women into the voting booth and into public office. You can visit www.voterunlead.org to learn more. Zonta Clubs throughout the United States must grow and take the initiative to help make sure that the status of women in our country does not stagnate, but truly progresses in all arenas, including the crucial political arena.

—Bev Morrow, Status of Women Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1	Club Officers Report Form was DUE to Governor and HQ
June 1	2004-05 Dues Payments DUE to HQ
June 4-6	Joint District 12 Board Meeting, Cheyenne
June 5	World Environment Day (United Nations) To reaffirm concern for the preservation and enhancement of the environment. For more information, go to www.un.org .
June 12	Charter Dinner, Zonta Club of Gillette, Gillette, Wyoming
June 18	Fifth Annual Tee-Off Golf Tournament, Zonta Club of Denver II [Contact Candy Meininger-Johns]
July 3-8, 2004	57th Zonta International Biennial Convention, New York City
August	Updated Club Info DUE to Directory Chair
September 24-26	District 12 Conference, Lamar, Colorado



Check out these websites:

www.zonta.org
www.ZISVAW.org
www.zontadistrict12.org

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