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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.

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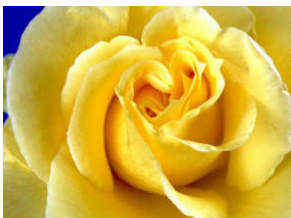
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International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

1908

Great unrest and critical debate was occurring amongst women. Women's oppression and inequality was spurring women to become more vocal and active in campaigning for change. Then in 1908, 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting rights.

1909

In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first National Woman's Day (NWD) was observed across the United States on 28 February. Women continued to celebrate NWD on the last Sunday of February until 1913.

1910

In 1910 a second International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. A woman named a **Clara Zetkin** (Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every country there should be a celebration on the same day - a *Women's Day* - to press for their demands. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women's clubs, and including the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament, greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and thus International Women's Day was the result.

1911

Following the decision agreed at Copenhagen in 1911, International Women's Day (IWD) was honoured the **first time** in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on 19 March. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination. However less than a week later on 25 March, the tragic 'Triangle Fire' in New York City took the lives of more than 140 working women, most of them Italian and Jewish immigrants. This disastrous event drew significant attention to working conditions and labor legislation in the United States that became a focus of subsequent International Women's Day events. 1911 also saw women's '**Bread and Roses**' campaign.

1913-1914

On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on the last Sunday in February 1913. In 1913 following discussions, International Women's Day was transferred to 8 March and this day has remained the global date for International Women's Day ever since. In 1914 further women across Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's solidarity.

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1917

On the last Sunday of February, Russian women began a strike for "bread and peace" in response to the death over 2 million Russian soldiers in war. Opposed by political leaders the women continued to strike until four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote. The date the women's strike commenced was Sunday 23 February on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia. This day on the Gregorian calendar in use elsewhere was 8 March.

1918 - 1999

Since its birth in the socialist movement, International Women's Day has grown to become a global day of recognition and celebration across developed and developing countries alike. For decades, IWD has grown from strength to strength annually. For many years the United Nations has held an annual IWD conference to coordinate international efforts for women's rights and participation in social, political and economic processes. 1975 was designated as '*International Women's Year*' by the United Nations. Women's organizations and governments around the world have also observed IWD annually on 8 March by holding large-scale events that honor women's advancement and while diligently reminding of the continued vigilance and action required to ensure that women's equality is gained and maintained in all aspects of life.

2000 and beyond

IWD is now an official holiday in Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, China (for women only), Cuba, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Madagascar (for women only), Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal (for women only), Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia. The tradition sees men honoring their mothers, wives, girlfriends, colleagues, etc with flowers and small gifts. In some countries IWD has the equivalent status of Mother's Day where children give small presents to their mothers and grandmothers.

The new millennium has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. Many from a younger generation feel that 'all the battles have been won for women' while many feminists from the 1970's know only too well the longevity and ingrained complexity of patriarchy. With more women in the boardroom, greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased critical mass of women's visibility as impressive role models in every aspect of life, one could think that women have gained true equality. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men.

However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls are welcomed into university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. And so the tone and nature of IWD has, for the past few years, moved from being a reminder about the negatives to a celebration of the positives.

Annually on 8 March, thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate achievements. A global web of rich and diverse local activity connects women from all around the world ranging from political rallies, business conferences, government activities and networking events through to local women's craft markets, theatric performances, fashion parades and more.

Many global corporations have also started to more actively support IWD by running their own internal events and through supporting external ones. For example, on 8 March search engine and media giant Google some years even changes its logo on its global search pages. Year on year IWD is certainly increasing in status. The United States even designates the whole month of March as 'Women's History Month.'

So make a difference, think globally and act locally! Make everyday International Women's Day. Do your bit to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE ...

My recent sojourn to New Zealand was a 50-year wish-come-true. (I have proof in the form of a 1961 English essay!) This probably would not have come about without Zonta. The trip (Jan 16 through Feb 5) was primarily planned by Sigrid Duden of Zonta-Heidelberg and Judith Ray of Zonta-Auckland and in consultation with D16 Governor Ann McMurtrie.



Although the tour was primarily sightseeing, we met and were hosted by six separate gatherings of Zontians along the way. Our gatherings were arranged by Zontians we had met at Conventions and with whom we'd formed friendships. Judith Ray, the District 16 Treasurer, and her husband Richard, led our foray of the South Island and hosted Sigrid and me at the beginning and end of our travels. On the North Island, Wellington Club President Souella Cumming and five Club members, including ZI President-Elect Lynn McKenzie, hosted us. In Tauranga, Club President Allison Shaw arranged a club potluck, and in Palmerston North, Jean Corbin Thomas and husband Raleigh hosted us. I'm hoping that we can reciprocate the wonderful hospitality one day.

New Zealand is amazingly diverse and gorgeous! Harbors, crystal lakes, steep mountains, lush vegetation, pastures, and hedges dominate the landscape on both islands—plus sheep, cows, and 4M people (in 104K sq. mi.—same as Colorado). There are no four-legged predators, no snakes, and the humans are very friendly! We became adept at pronouncing the musical Maori names (e.g., Akaroa, Oamaru, Te Anau, Wanganui, etc.) of the natural and built environment. However, the roads in the mountainous and coastal regions make Colorado roads look easy.

As you also may know, New Zealand was the first nation to give women the right to vote—in 1893. The Kiwis have also elected a female Prime Minister four times. Human rights are an important part of the public dialogue in New Zealand, and it ranks 5th in economic gender equality (the USA is 19th). With this social environment, one might be tempted to think Zonta isn't needed in NZ. However, that's not the case. Abuse still exists, teen pregnancy still derails young lives, and immigrant women still face impossible challenges for their families and deserving folk still need help to reach their worthy goals. There is going to be a need for Zonta for a very long time to come.

Here in District 12, let's celebrate the 100th International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day knowing that we have fine colleagues in Kiwiland, and that we're all in Zonta to make a positive difference over the next 100 years!

Your Gov,
Kay Meyer



Judith Ray, Kay Meyer, Sigrid Duden

Organization, Membership & Classification

New Membership (OMC) Chairman Webpage:



Announcing - A new Membership (OMC) Chairman webpage in the Members Only section of the District 12 website! Its purpose is to provide membership chairmen and other interested parties with easy access to information regarding membership.

Your District OMC Committee has been working hard to gather up documents on *recruiting, retaining, and surveying members*. They are posted on this new page. You can copy or modify them for your own use. *There's also an order form for the new D12 brochures available there.*

The Members Only section can be accessed by putting “/member” after “org” in the URL on the District 12 homepage. Then a username and password window will pop up. This information should not be written anywhere, so please call your Area Director, Vice Area Director, or me to get it.

Once you're in the Members Only section, click on the link “Membership Chair Information.”

Please enjoy this new membership page. The OMC Committee will be adding to it on an ongoing basis, so let us know what else you would like to see there!

facebook

A new Facebook Group for D12 OMC Club Chairmen will be in place by the end of February. It will be exciting to use this new technology for timely updates and interactive conversations regarding membership. It will be a closed group, but anyone in District 12 is welcome to join. More to follow on this new adventure!

Sheila Davis

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Membership Recruitment and Retention

Phew! That's a meaty topic! Mary Helland, OMC Chairman of the Zonta Club of the Black Hills, says it's as simple as making “members a priority!” She goes on to suggest that their 12 new members so far this year are in part the result of:

1. *Invite friends to a mixer that includes an introductory ice-breaker such as “Tell 3 things about yourself, 2 are true, and 1 that is a lie.” What a great way to get to know a new friend! What a creative/fun way to remember not only a face, but a name!*
2. *Invite people to come to a meeting to see what Zonta is all about.*
3. *Invite past members to come back.*
4. *As OMC Chairman, set an attainable goal for the year (but make yourself stretch) and then remind your club of that goal at each meeting.*
5. *For every meeting, have club members invite prospective members. People LIKE to be invited.*
6. *Educate a new member about Zonta through a formal program, through mentoring, and through an invitation to lunch to get to know her better!*
7. *Follow through with that new member and get her involved.*
8. *Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm!*

Mary started out with a goal of 10 new members. Now the goal is 20 new members this year, and, well I think the sky's the limit! I know Mary would be the first to acknowledge that a successful member recruitment effort requires buy-in from the entire club. I think that Zonta is worth that! Don't you?

Denise (Dedi) LaRue, Area 1 Vice Director

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UPDATE ON THE NEW ZEALAND ZONTIANS IN CHRISTCHURCH—

Governor Kay has heard from D16 Governor Anne McMurtrie that the Christchurch Zontians all made it through the latest, biggest quake without serious injury. Business-as-usual in Christchurch is a thing of the past, however. See <http://www.christchurchquakemap.co.nz/week>.

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Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship January 2011 – UPDATES

Greetings everyone! We truly appreciate all of your help last year in producing a very talented pool of candidates for the JMK Scholarship. Some 26 women from 15 countries competed in the final round of judging for the 12 \$5,000 (US) scholarships.

The updated application and related materials are now on the ZI website. Please note, that based on the feedback from all of you, that the application has changed somewhat. JMK applicants are once again responsible for securing their own recommendations.

The ZI Board has also decided that the criteria for the Jane M Klausman Award and Young Women in Public Affairs be amended to include the requirement that candidates need to be "living or studying in a Zonta district/region."

When the checks were being issued last year, a question arose regarding checks and wire transfers for those outside of North America. In 2004 The ZIF Board decided to use foreign drafts to send Amelia Earhart, Jane M. Klausman and Young Women in Public Affairs awards to non-US resident recipients and to add US\$25 per payment to offset, in part, the cost of cashing the foreign draft. When the fees are more than US\$25, we will send a wire transfer, if requested.

As we begin the 2011 recruitment process, please encourage your Clubs to:

Access the ZI Website – www.zonta.org and /or contact the District JMK Chairman to ensure familiarity with and use of:

- 2011 Application Form
- Application Requirements
- Deadline

At upcoming area meetings, district gatherings, etc., encourage Club participation in the scholarship.

Encourage donations to the Foundation to support the Zonta programs and scholarships.

Again, please use the 2011 Application!

Thanks all for your efforts! Let us know how we can best support you.

Karen A. Macier, Chairman
Zonta Club of Auburn New York, USA

**Specific questions regarding JMK from D12 members or clubs may be directed to—
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She will, in turn, consult with the JMK Committee.**

Amelia Blasts Off in Boulder

by *Laura McCutchen*

How many rocket scientists does it take to change a light bulb?

Six women earning PhDs in Aerospace Sciences at the University of Colorado (CU) have earned the prestigious Amelia Earhart Fellowship from Zonta International Foundation, worth \$10,000 each. Zonta members and guests gathered in Boulder, Colorado, on January 15, 2011, to celebrate these budding scientists and raise funds for the Fellowships.

“How often will so many award winners assemble in one place?” asked Stephany Westhusin, District 12’s Amelia Earhart liaison. “Only 35 Fellowships are awarded annually, and students pursue their studies all over the world.” With this rare opportunity, Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County hosted the luncheon, an annual event among Area 3 clubs. District 12 Governor Kay Meyer acted as emcee.

Where is the light bulb?

Christine Hartzell, Jennifer Mindock, Aurore Sibois, Laura Stiles, Jill Tombasco and Neeti Wagle were joined by Laura Brower, a Fellow last year. Each spoke of her inspiration and her specialty. Family members, teachers, mentors and public figures stood out as critical to their success. Many also commented how impressive it was to be in a room of 100 people, mostly women, who were actively invested in their success.

The fields of research are as broad and far-reaching as the heavens themselves. How can dust move around on asteroids? How can robots develop problem-solving skills and apply solutions to future problems? How does the change in earth’s axis of rotation affect the accuracy of satellites? How can we improve astronauts’ capacity to respond to emergencies in space? Each topic came alive as students described their discoveries, sending energy throughout the room.

How many rocket scientists do you have?

Dr. Sharon Langenbeck, Chairman of Zonta International’s Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee, introduced each of the award winners. Now retired from Jet Propulsion Labs, she earned the AE Fellowship at the beginning of her illustrious career. Like Dr. Langenbeck, all members of the Fellowship Committee are Zontians and previous Fellows.

“The applicants are all so highly qualified,” Langenbeck said, “it’s a very difficult process for the Committee to narrow the choices to 35. For every one that wins, at least 3 apply.” Since 1938, 1,297 Fellowships totaling \$7 million have been given to 902 Fellows from 64 countries.

Where do you want to send the light bulb?

Dr. Lisa Hardaway of Ball Aerospace, an event sponsor, spoke about being a woman in a non-traditional field. She emphasized the importance of developing the network of support among peers. Ball scientists, CU Aerospace faculty and a past Fellow from 2004 attended the recognition ceremony.

After all the scientists and scholars spoke, Amelia Earhart herself rose to address the assembled group. Using actual words, dress, gestures and diction of the late pilot, Elsa Wolff inspired all to envision the world through Amelia Earhart’s eyes.

What else are those rocket scientists expected to accomplish?

It was such a surprise to discover this concentration of talent in our own backyard,” said Westhusin, a civil engineer. “The luncheon took on such momentum, I am grateful that Marta Lindrose of the Foothills Club stepped up to work with me on the details.” The luncheon raised \$2,000 from Area 3 that will be sent to Zonta International Foundation for Amelia Earhart Fellowships.



Zonta District 12 Governor, *Kay Meyer*, Amelia Earhart Fellows: *Jennifer Mindock, Laura Brower, Christine Hartzell, Jill Tombasco, Aurore Sibois, Neeti Wagle, Laura Stiles* and *Sharon Langenbeck*, ZI Amelia Earhart Fellowship Chairman.

★★★ Club News ★★★

Zonta Club of Converse County

The Zonta Club of Converse County is currently conducting a membership drive. To date, they have installed 3 new members with the potential of extending membership invitations to 3 additional candidates shortly. As President Maureen says, "At this rate, we'll soon need a microphone to conduct meetings."

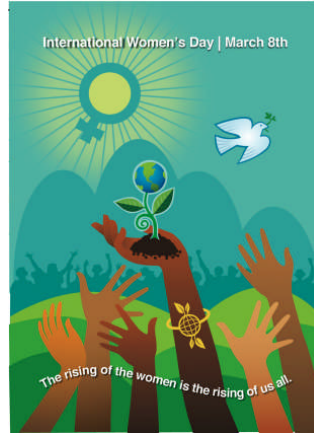
Plans are underway to celebrate International Women's Day by honoring women in the community who have worked to improve the lives of girls and women. They will be presented a rose from the club. They will publicize the event through various media outlets in the area.

Members will be meeting with the Board of Directors of Jubilee House, a local residential transitional program for recently released or paroled women inmates. The Club has been approached and asked to extend a request to members to act as mentors for the residents. The club members feel that this would be a good service project to undertake.

They also were recently made aware of the needs of young women and girls currently residing in the Converse County Group Home. Due to a lack of foster homes in the community, very young females are now living in the facility. The Club will meet with the director to learn more about their special needs so that items and services can be provided to improve the situation for these girls.

In March, the Club will meet with the Wyoming Women's Foundation board to learn how issues of particular importance to females fared in the recent Wyoming legislative session. They will also hear updates about the Wyoming Wage Project, which aims to close the serious gender wage gap in the state, as well as the lack of quality childcare options which are ongoing priorities for this philanthropic group.

As was suggested during a January conference call, the Zonta Club of Converse County now has a Facebook page up and running! They believe this will be a great way to engage new generations of Zonta members.



Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area will join forces with Soroptimist International of Colorado Springs and The Pikes Peak Chapter of United Nations Association of United States of America (UNA-USA) to host the 1st Annual Community-Wide Colorado Springs International Women's Day on March 8, 2011.

The theme of the event is "The rising of the women is the rising of us all." The objectives of the event are to:

- Celebrate and highlight International Women's Day
- Highlight women's issues to help girls and women
- Help people connect with other women's groups
- Raise the awareness of individual clubs

This celebration will be held at the Colorado Springs Country Club, March 8, 2011, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and the cost is \$32. Registration is online at: www.iwd-coloradosprings.org. Confirmed participating organizations include: American Association of University Women (AAUW), Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado, and The Women's Foundation of Colorado. We are coordinating with other organizations, so expect the list will grow.

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Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

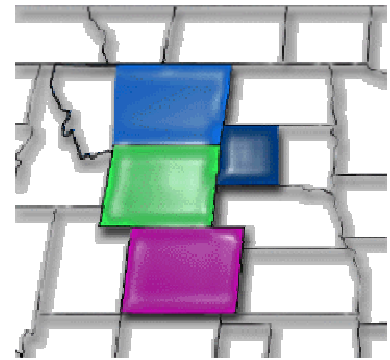
"Dedication"
Club member, Deb, gives 110% in all aspects of her life.



After spending the weekend working in Denver with the Army Reserves, she rushed back to Colorado Springs on Sunday night, quickly changed out of her Army clothes into her party attire to join in her club's December meeting, service project and celebration. Deb joined Zonta in 2008 and was soon deployed to Iraq for a year. We are happy to have her safely back with us and her enthusiasm is contagious. What a Zontian!

Best regards,
Susie Nulty

Find the latest District 12 information on the "What's New" listing at http://zontadistrict12.org/d12_whatsnew.html.



Also, please contact Susie Nulty at nulty@csdco.com to update your Club information.

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ZIF (Zonta International Foundation) News ...

"I'm sure there are very few of us who like to fundraise just as I'm sure there are not many of us who like to get ten requests for money per year from whatever non-profits we support. But, the only way we have money to give to our communities and to the world's women beyond our communities is to fundraise. And, thank goodness the ZI Foundation doesn't send out requests ten times a year asking for our clubs' and our personal contributions!

We are fortunate to be able to contribute to the world beyond our communities because of the work the ZI Foundation does to bring wonderful programs to us to fund. As of the end of December, seven months into the biennium, we have achieved almost 22% of our goal, which is just about on target. The goal is \$3,758,000 and through December, we have raised \$822,908. Those are both club and personal contributions. The fund that has received the least is the Amelia Earhart Fund at 15%. The fund with the most receipts is the YWPA at 49%.

My club, the Zonta Club of Denver, is about to send in its check representing one-third of its funds raised. Through December, only the Billings Club has submitted a donation this fiscal year. Thank you Billings! If your club is like mine, you will be sending in your one-third in the next few months. And, it's never too soon to donate on a personal level. Don't know how? Give me a call at 303-367-2401.

Go to <http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/InternationalServiceProgram.aspx> and click on the video for safe cities or scroll down and find the video on preventing HIV transmission from mother to child in Rwanda or the inspiring video on our project in Liberia to repair obstetric fistula in women. Did you know that it costs only \$300 for a woman to go through the process of having her fistula repaired? Just \$300 can mean a woman gets her life back after being ostracized by her society!

Thanks for all you do for the women of the world, both in your community and around the world!

Nikki Headlee

Foundation Ambassador / United Nations Co-Chairman

UPDATE: "In an article from Reuters on February 8 it was reported that Zimbabwe's HIV epidemic was one of the largest in the world until the rate of infection was halved. It went from 29% of the population being infected to 16%. Increased awareness through education and media played an important role. Our Zonta International project in Rwanda seeks to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV by providing a full range of services including education. ZI has committed \$500,000 to this project. This project is funded by a third of our Club fundraising and personal contributions. We can make a difference in reducing HIV in the world."

Area 2 News from *Mary Kirkpatrick Walker*, Area 2 Director

The Zonta Clubs in Area 2 have been busy with advocacy and service as well as fundraising events. As Area Director, it has been my pleasure to visit all these clubs and distribute any materials that were left over from the District Conference "boot camp."

Zonta Club of Cheyenne participated in the "16 Days of Activism" again with proclamations signed by the Mayor of Cheyenne and the Wyoming Governor. The Silent Witness display was set up in the county library. The members of the Z Club at Triumph High School assisted and were interviewed by the Mayor. Cheyenne is busy preparing for the annual Ladies Night Out dinner on March 8, 2011, at Little America Hotel. New members (The New Zees) prepared an interesting meeting for January with a club evaluation brainstorming session. The advocacy committee has been keeping members informed of various bills in the legislative session for 2011.

Zonta Club of Converse County in Douglas held a successful fundraising event with cupcakes in a jar (sounds delicious) and sold several artistic items at the District Conference. Their delegates reported to the club what fun they had at the fifties night and other events at the Conference. They have been working on recruiting.

Zonta Club of Fort Collins has been working with speakers from domestic violence prevention groups. They have a new publicity person who has been actively working on PR. Several Fort Collins members have been on the committee to start a new club in Greeley.

Zonta Club of Laramie is preparing for another birthing kit assembly and hope to complete 850 kits. The annual style show was another huge success. They will be doing a Club evaluation and planning process at the March meeting. The District Conference was outstanding thanks to the efforts of this committed and energetic club.

The Area 2 meeting will be held in Cheyenne on April 2, 2011, at Suite 1901 in downtown Cheyenne. The program and agenda are being finalized and any questions can be directed to me.

News from AREA 1 by 'Jo' Prang, Area 1 Director

Busy, busy, busy! Area 1 Clubs have a lot on their agendas and continue to thrive! A big thanks to my Vice Area Director, Dedi LaRue, for her help and participation! She is not only my traveling companion, but she has also been working with the Lt. Governor (who is the OMC Chairman) to grow our District's membership. 700 members by 2011 is the goal!

I know my own club has taken on the challenge! Our club's membership committee set a goal of 10 new members and that has now been surpassed. Some of the new members are young professionals, and others are returning to the Rapid City community to semi-retire. So ... remember that when you are recruiting for your own club! In December, the Zonta Club of the Black Hills celebrated their 60th birthday with a party along with a holiday social. I gave the program, reading the proclamation from the Mayor of Rapid City, and the District well-wishes from Governor Kay and her board (they sent some lovely flowers!). I showed a video on Amelia Earhart and talked about why the International scholarship is given in her name. We also honored two of our members who received their 30-year certificates at the District 12 Conference in Laramie. One had been unable to attend the Conference but was grateful to be able to address the club about the importance of retaining your membership even if work/family keep you from fully participating in activities. She supports the causes of Zonta helping women around the world and keeps in touch with her Zonta friends. Look for the Zonta Club of the Black Hills to have two delegates representing the club at the upcoming International Convention! TORINO, ITALY, here we come!

I was a guest speaker at the Zonta Club of Gillette's 2010 Women's Expo. This Club has really worked hard to achieve a presence in their community! They have mighty plans and are achieving the goals of ZI through their community efforts. Some other speakers were a female detective from the Police Department and an Attorney speaking about "*Child Abuse and Neglect*." "*Resumes, Job Interviews, and the Winning Combination to Land the Job You Want*" by J. Homes from CLIMB Wyoming. "*Women in the Workforce*" was the topic of their keynote speaker, Joyce Leavitt Winterton, Ph.D. from NASA in Washington, DC. She grew up on a ranch near Gillette, so it was like "coming home." She shared life lessons she learned on her way to becoming one of the top "gurus" at NASA.

The Zonta Club of the Sturgis Area had a successful pumpkin-painting fundraiser last fall. They have young professionals in their club as well as members of all ages. I visited their club on a cold winter night, but the warm soup was great! They have great leadership, and they are interested in attending the Area 1 Meeting in Spearfish this spring and the District Conference in Rapid City next fall. I also encouraged them to think about attending an International Convention so they can experience the "big picture" of ZI. Every Zonta Club in Area 1 truly needs to consider the importance of their VOTE at an International Convention! YOUR VOTE COUNTS! Not only that, it is truly amazing to see the "power of women" bloom before your eyes at an International Convention.

In November, I met the Governor and Lt. Governor in Glendive to attend the Zonta Club of Glendive's December meeting. The Governor gave the Club encouragement that they are not alone in the District and that both the District Board and their Area 1 Director are here to help answer questions and give advice. Governor Kay also stated that reports and communication are very important to the success of the their club as well as the District. I especially encouraged them to think about going to an International Convention to again experience the true depth of ZI. Sounds like a repeat theme ... mmmm!

The Zonta Club of Spearfish has a terrific fundraiser in early December that involves the entire club. If you've never gone to the "Festival of Trees," you should definitely attend! Treats, food, beverages, and oh yes, GORGEOUSLY decorated trees! And, if you like a good auction, the evening has everything you'd like for a terrific party-night out! The Club raised the highest overall dollar amount this past December! Congratulations! As a Zontian, I have been very impressed and honored to be a fellow member with these ambitious women!

With the unsure weather conditions in South Dakota, driving the highways in the winter can be hazardous! So ... I have been invited to the Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre by President Jane Page on May 25 for their annual meeting in the evening. Knowing South Dakota, it could be snowing that day as well! Their Club plans many activities and has two annual Craft Shows for fundraising that they use to assist the communities of Pierre and Fort Pierre.

The Zonta Club of Billings had a wonderful turnout for their 60th birthday party this past November. Several spouses were guests, as well as two prospective members. They had many past members in attendance sharing stories of the good times in their club years ago. Various fundraisers and friendships were remembered. The guest speaker gave a presentation about famous women in the City of Billings' past history. Many of those women were not only pioneers, they excelled at charity work for women and children. The Club lost a dedicated member this past summer, Carmen Mangis, who I met at the International Convention in San Antonio in July. If you get a chance, check out all the activities and hands-on efforts this Club does for their community on the District 12 website. In fact, please take a look at all the web pages/facebook pages of all the Area 1 clubs. You will be awed and amazed!

Although I have yet to visit the Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills in Custer. I would like to get there later this spring! I must say that last spring they put on a terrific Area 1 Meeting and have our thanks and congratulations for their work on that program. They list an amazing number of service projects on their website!

I have sent out important e-mails with instructions, information, and answers to questions from my Presidents when requested. We are now beginning to work on the Area 1 Meeting to be held in Spearfish the weekend of April 29-30. Work has also already begun on the District 12 Conference to be held in Rapid City this fall. The venue has already been selected and it's near shopping malls! We aim to please!

Thank you for your continued support in Area 1. You are all **AWESOME!**



A VISIT TO “OUR HOUSE”—A COLORADO DAY AT THE CAPITOL by *Alice Borodkin*, LAA Colorado Chair

Not many people think of their State Capitol as their house, but it is our house!

We, the citizens of Colorado, pay the taxes that pay the salaries of our elected officials, the staff and the building itself. As a Colorado State Representative for eight years, before being termed out in 2009, when addressing a group of citizens, I often jokingly—sort of—asked for a raise!

So seeing the Capitol as our house and being the Colorado Chair of the Legislative Advocacy and Awareness Committee, I decided to plan a Day the Capitol for the Zonta Clubs in Colorado. The goal for me was to get women thinking in terms of advocating for what they want. For or against, Democrat or Republican, and not to be afraid to contact their elected officials. Advocacy works on all levels. State, US Congress and International.

Speaking of paying for salaries, no matter how much money an elected official may receive from lobbyists and citizens for their campaigns, we must remind them they need our vote as well. So tell them that you are their constituent when you contact them, and let them know you are watching their votes.

The legislative process is so much more than we read in the newspapers. It is complex, loaded with landmines, compromise, and trust. In that light, I rounded up a lawyer from Legislative Legal Services, they write our legislation; the Director of Legislative Services, they research and provide services for legislators; and the Manager of Finance, they dictate the fiscal note attached to each piece of legislation. In addition, I asked those who planned on coming that day to find out who represents them and had a member of our Zonta Club of Denver LAA committee write a short script for inviting them.

Speaking of the Denver LAA Committee, let me say that no one is able to do this alone! We had one member research eating places around the Capitol, one member research transportation and logistics, how to get through security to and around the Capitol, and one member write our script.

So the date was set, the arrangements made and the breakfast ordered. Of course, it snowed the day before and into the night. It is Colorado really! People were coming from areas that had much snow, some snow and all had issues with traffic. To my surprise, we had 25 people show up anyway.

After our 8 AM sharp start with coffee and rolls, we were off to House Committee room 0109 and orientation concerning the process, and how the calendar of the day worked. We handed out what legislators refer to as the Pink Book, a listing of all elected officials US and state, committees they sit on and how to reach them. This was followed by a much too short discussion of the process and a few words from some of the invited legislators. We even ran into a number of lobbyists as we moved about, and I asked each one to say a few words about their positions.

Friday at the Colorado Capitol is not exactly the best day to visit as everyone is eager to leave by noon. Many legislators live in outlying areas and race to catch a plane or train or hit the road before the traffic ramps up,

Our Zonta group received a bit of both the boring and the almost boring as we watched the legislators on the House floor read and comment on several resolutions. That process took about an hour in addition to introductions, tributes and conversation extolling the benefits of those being honored. Because of the time, the bills listed in the calendar were laid over until Monday. Some Zontians were outraged at what they saw as a waste of time. I agreed with them, but went on to tell them of the process and procedure that allowed for this “waste of time.”

I was thrilled that some took the time to find their elected official's information so they could email their opinion. That's putting words into action. It became clear to me that our visiting Zontians glimpsed a world they found exciting, boring, complex, and they saw how much and how hard legislators work. While the session is 120 days, it is a 24/7 three hundred and sixty-five day job.

I cannot stress enough the importance of advocating for your issues. That's why I send out information on legislation that affects women. To make effective educated decisions, Republican or Democrat, pro or con, you must have information. I urge all District 12 Zontians to visit your house, learn who represents you, and stop by when you can to testify on a bill you may have an interest in supporting or not. To create the kind of world you want for yourself or your children and grandchildren, you must participate in the process.



South Dakota Women 4 Women Day by Anita M. Zastrow, LAA South Dakota Chair

Advocacy opportunities continue to be available to our South Dakota Zonta Clubs and their members through SDANW (South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women) and its numerous member organizations. Information was sent to the Club presidents of the five South Dakota Clubs in District 12—Black Hills, Pierre-Fort Pierre, Southern Black Hills, Spearfish, and Sturgis Area. The information provided an invitation to participate in the Network's annual Women 4 Women (W4W) Legislative Day in Pierre. Information on the Legislative Day follows:

Monday, January 31, was a rewarding, if frosty, day in Pierre this year when the South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women (SDANW) held its annual Women 4 Women (W4W) Legislative Day. Despite the inclement weather, nearly 60 women and men from across the state gathered in Pierre for the annual legislative day for a chance to come together to impact legislation. Two busses transported some 50 women and men to Pierre (from Brookings/Sioux Falls and Rapid City) where they joined others for a luncheon, showed a gallery presence, visited with legislators, and participated in a legislative reception. Political analyst Celinda Lake, President of Lake Research Partners of Washington, DC, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon and also guided an afternoon workshop effectively preparing us as citizen lobbyists to engage some 28 legislators who attended the late afternoon reception. Those who had the chance to listen to and visit with Celinda Lake were given some very important information about the trends, messages and possibilities in today's political landscape. Attendees were also reminded how critical it is that women participate fully in the political process and offer solutions to the stubborn economic and ideological challenges in our country.

Celinda Lake, a native of Livingston, Montana, is one of the nation's foremost experts on electing women candidates and on framing issues to women voters. Lake is one of the progressive's leading pollsters and political strategists and has worked with Speaker Nancy Pelosi, EMILY's List, The White House Project, Planned Parenthood, The Unmarried Women's Project, and the Women's Campaign Fund. Lake has frequently appeared as a guest commentator on MSNBC, FOX News, CNN, and NPR. Lake co-authored the book, "What Women Really Want," with Republican pollster Kellyanne Conway in 2005, examining how American women changing the political landscape in America. "They are not red or blue. Women are purple. Eighty percent of women agree on 80% of things," concludes Lake.

The South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women was founded in 1984 to advance the legislative process through its lobbyists, public education, and annual Legislative Day activities. The Advocacy Network is a non-profit organization made up of individuals and over twenty women's organizations that share information, politically support each other, and prove there is strength in numbers as citizen lobbyists. Go to www.sdanw.org for more information.

ZONTA FOUNDATION – THE UN – AND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

by Mary Lou Edwards

WHAT ARE THE MDGs?

In 2000, 189 world leaders met at the UN Millennium Summit—their goal was to end poverty around the world by 2015. They produced an 8 point roadmap (numbered below) with measurable targets and clear deadlines for improving the lives of the world's poorest people.

An international panel met again in September of 2010 to assess the progress of the MDGs. Their assessment revealed that, despite the efforts of many world leaders, governments and NGO's, we are far from meeting the goals set in 2000 and that extreme steps must be taken in the next 5 years in order to meet them.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said that world leaders will need to commit to providing billions of dollars in funding over the next five years to poor countries to meet the MDGs. The Secretary General called on world leaders to ensure that the world's poor do not pay the price for budget cuts resulting from the global recession, and stressed that ending world hunger was "still doable."

Zonta International Foundation projects are contributing to the success of the MDGs. See the information under "Solutions" in **bold**.

1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

Problem: In 2010 a report by Action Aid found that global hunger is costing developing countries \$450 billion per year. The total number of undernourished people remains higher than before the 2008-2009 economic crisis, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

A Solution: The UN's "Feed the Future" three-year budget of \$3.5 billion needs to be fully funded to pursue the country-led, whole-of-society approach of Feeding the Future.

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2. Achieve Universal Primary Education

Problem: Too many children, and especially females, still do not have access to educational opportunities.

A Solution: A Global Education Initiative needs to be launched to ensure that educational opportunities are provided to marginalized children and youth.

3. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

Problem: Gender based violence remains a big problem in much of the world.

Some Solutions: Gender needs to be integrated into all foreign assistance policies and programs; all countries need to ratify CEDAW, create an Office of Gender Integration and focus educational assistance on overcoming barriers to girls in school.

For MDG #3: ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women)—funded a Comprehensive Strategy to End Burn Violence Against Women in Nepal, Uganda and Cambodia—\$430,000; and in cooperation with UNIFEM, \$200,00 towards Ensuring a Gender-Responsive and Early Recovery Response in Haiti.

4. Reduce Child Mortality—a 75% reduction in child mortality rates

Problem: Children, especially undervalued females, are often the last to receive medical care and sufficient nutrition.

A Solution: The UN is seeking \$169 billion in funding from world leaders to support a new program aimed at improving access to health care for women and children across the developing world. The UN Foundation announced plans on Sept. 20, 2010 to contribute \$400 million to the effort.

5. Improve Maternal Health—a 75% reduction in maternal mortality rates

Problem: Young girls married before age 18 often have little control over their own reproductive systems and discussions of reproduction and contraception remain taboo. Their bodies are not mature enough for successful deliveries, leading to ongoing health problems and/or death of mother or child or both.

A Solution: For goals 4 & 5. Zonta has pledged \$500,000 in support of the Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia.

6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Problem: HIV/AIDS remains a serious problem as money to provide serum needed to combat the disease has diminished faster than the disease has progressed.

Some Solutions: For goals 4,5 & 6 above: Zonta has pledged \$500,000 towards Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda by treating HIV-Positive women, preventing transmission of the virus to their offspring and ensuring access to healthcare and reproductive services.

For goals 3 & 6: Zonta has pledged support for the UN's "Safe Cities for Women" Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador in the amount of \$500,000. The project will also expand to incorporate the issue of violence against women in the context of HIV/AIDS.

7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Problem: Many countries, especially newly industrialized areas, do not want to give up profits from their greenhouse gas producing activities, so not much progress has been made.

A Solution: In NY, Sept. 2010 Hillary Clinton announced that the U.S. will give \$50 million to provide 100 million clean cooking stoves to communities across Africa, Asia and South America over the next 10 years. According to the UN, smoke inhalation from stoves powered by coal, wood, dung and crop waste kills 1.9 million people a year.

8. Develop a Global Partnership for Development (regarding trade, debt and partnerships)

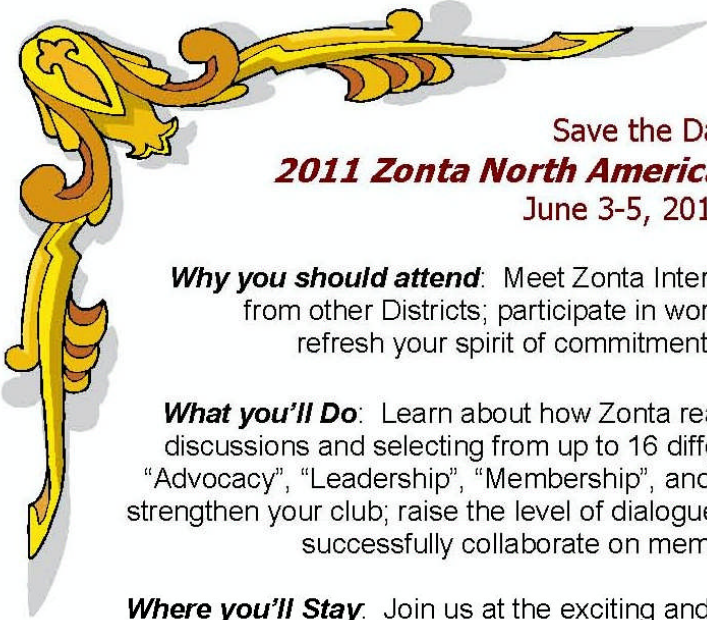
Problem: Some progress has been made in this area, but not nearly enough.

Some Solutions: On January 18, 2011, the UN Foundation and Devex released a special report highlighting a recent six-month global conversation in which aid workers and development professionals from around the world shared their successes and challenges in achieving the MDGs. To view the whole conversation, go to mdg.devex.com.

The UN Foundation is a public charity founded in 1998 with Ted Turner's historic \$1 billion gift to support UN causes and activities which builds and implements public/private partnerships to address the world's most pressing problems and works to broaden support for the UN through advocacy and public outreach.

Devex, a social enterprise with offices worldwide, was founded in 2000. Developers can find projects, business and career advice, jobs and professional connections on devex.com.

Every one of us has a stake in advancing the MDGs by advocating for a world free from extreme poverty and preventable diseases. People around the world are conducting protest marches and "flash mobs", creating videos and donating concert proceeds. They are "making noise" to raise awareness and build public support for the fight against poverty—calling on all peoples and governments to keep their promises made in 2000.



Save the Date for the
2011 Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting
 June 3-5, 2011, Reno, NV



Why you should attend: Meet Zonta International Leaders; reconnect with Zontians from other Districts; participate in workshops on a variety of timely topics; refresh your spirit of commitment to improving the lives of women

What you'll Do: Learn about how Zonta really works by sitting in on informative panel discussions and selecting from up to 16 different workshops organized into 4 Tracks – "Advocacy", "Leadership", "Membership", and "Public Relations; take away useful tools to strengthen your club; raise the level of dialogue about how North American Zonta Clubs can successfully collaborate on membership, service and advocacy.

Where you'll Stay: Join us at the exciting and newly expanded Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, 3800 South Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502 www.atlanticasino.com. Once you check out their beautiful facilities, you'll want to book an extra day just to pamper yourself!

All amounts in USD - Registration includes meals and materials		Schedule of events
Early Bird Registration (before May 1, 2011)	\$175	<u>Fri. June 3</u> 6-8pm Opening Reception
Late Registration (May 1 – May 27)	\$200	<u>Sat. June 4</u> 7:30am-4:45 Workshops 6-10pm Banquet
Hotel Room Rates – single or double occupancy, plus \$10 resort fee	\$109	<u>Sun. June 5</u> 9am-Noon Workshops/Brunch 12pm Program Concludes
Amenities: In-room coffee service, High Speed (wireless and wired) Internet Service, Indoor and Outdoor Pools and Outdoor Jacuzzi, Boarding Pass Printing Services, 15% Discount at the Atlantis Spa		

Start making your plans now. Watch for e-mail registration announcements and our fantastic slate of workshops and presenters. For additional information, please contact Committee Co-Chair Joy Orlich at joyorlich@sbcglobal.net See you in June!



Registration form is included with newsletter in a separate PDF file.

2010-2012 District 12 Calendar

Gold—District-wide Blue—Board Rose—Club and Area

2010	Activity	Time/Location/Notes
November 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Board Members and Club Presidents
November 25	First Day of 16 Days of Activism for Elimination of VAW	
December 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Board Members and Club Presidents
December 10	Human Rights Day and Last Day of 16 days ...	
December 13	District Board Member Reports DUE to Governor	
December 20	Governor's Report DUE to ZI	
2011	Activity	Time/Location
March 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Board Members and Club Presidents
March 8	Zonta Rose Day / International Women's Day	In our communities!
April 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Board Members and Club Presidents
April 1-2	Area 2 Meeting	Cheyenne
April 9	Area 3 Meeting	Boulder
April 15-16	Area 4 Meeting	Royal Gorge
April 29-30	Area 1 Meeting	Spearfish
May 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Board Members and Club Presidents
May 1	Annual Club Reports DUE to ADs and Governor	Must meet deadline
May 4	District Board Member Reports DUE to Governor	Must meet deadline
May 9	Governor's Report DUE to ZI	Cannot include info from units not meeting deadline
June 1	GovnrGram	Sent to D12 Board Members and Club Presidents
June 1	Deadline for Membership Dues to ZI	
June 3-5	North American Inter-District Conference	Reno, Nevada
June 10-12	Summer Board Meeting	Boulder
September 23-25	District 12 Conference	Rapid City
2012	Activity	Time/Location
July 7-12	Zonta International Convention	Torino, Italy