

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL -- DISTRICT 12
CLUB ANNUAL REPORT
Reporting Period: June 1, 2013—May 27, 2014

Please email to Governor Sheila Davis (shedavis@comcast.net) by **May 27, 2014 with a copy to your Area Director.**

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Club Administration 2013-2014:

Zonta Club of Converse County

Today's Date: 5/15/14

Area: 2

President: Carolyn White
Secretary: Bonnie Cramer

President-Elect (if appropriate): Jacqueline Pollock
Treasurer: Kathy McKee

Vice President: Jacqueline Pollock

Fundraising:

Please list the major fundraiser(s) your club held during 2013-2014. *(Feel free to add additional fund-raisers.)*

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| 1. Farmers' Market Booth | \$606 |
| 2. District 12 Store/Raffle Basket | \$260 |
| 3. Holiday Booth | \$230 |
| 4. Area 2 Meeting Raffle Basket | \$65 |
| 5. Donations | \$40 |

Total Funds Raised this year: \$1201

Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:

Please list the contribution amounts given by your club during 2013-2014.

Local Service Organizations: \$1050

Local Scholarships: \$1000

Total Local: \$2050

Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) Dollars Given:

Please list the total club & individual contributions given to the Zonta International Foundation during 2013-2014. (Tommie Atanasoff at tatanasof@aol.com can provide this information to you)

Total Club Contributions: \$130

Total Individual Contributions: \$130

Total Club & Individual Contributions: \$260

ZIF Scholarship Information:

- **YWPA-Young Women in Public Affairs Awards**

Did your club participate in the YWPA program? ☐Yes X No

Please list the name of the candidate(s) forwarded by your club to the district for this award.

- **Jane M. Klausman Women-in-Business Scholarships (JMK)**

Did your club participate in the Jane M Klausman program? ☐Yes X No

Please list the name of the candidate(s) forwarded by your club to the district for this award.

- **Amelia Earhart Fellowships**

Did your club celebrate Amelia Earhart Day? X Yes ☐No

If so, please describe how your club celebrated this year.

We submitted a photo taken during our Amelia Earhart Day celebration from last year to the newspaper. It was a photo of one of our members, Arlene Ekland-Earnst, dressed as Amelia Earhart in vintage clothing, disembarking from a small plane. The photo was printed in the newspaper along with a description of Zonta Club, the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, and our local scholarships.

Local Scholarship Information:

- **Local Scholarships** awarded by your club

Name(s) & description(s) of scholarship(s):

Mary Cross Memorial Scholarship (in honor of one of our founding members): \$500 for a non-traditional female student attending college.

Zonta Club of Converse County Scholarship: \$500 for a female student graduating from a high school in Converse County with plans to attend college.

Membership:

Please describe your club's recruitment and retention efforts for 2013-2014 in order to meet the *net +1* goal as of June 1, 2014.

We had a houseboat trip/picnic on Glendo Reservoir last summer to which we invited potential members. We also have a wonderful annual Christmas party to which we invite potential members.

If your club currently has fewer than 20 members, what plans do you have in place to increase membership in 2014 - 2015? We will have a picnic on the lake and Christmas party again.

Does your club have a new member orientation program? ☐ Yes X No If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year?

The information below will be used to determine the District Service Award to be given out at the 2014 Governor's Seminar, September 20th, Cheyenne, WY

Local Service: (Hands on work to help women & girls in the local community)

Please name and briefly describe your local service projects including for each item:

(a) category: improved the status of women in general (legal, political, economic, educational, health and/or professional)

or

helped prevent and fight violence against women and girls (VAW)

(b) % of club members involved in the project

(c) contribution to the Zonta International Foundation is at least 1/3 of the dollars raised this year

(d) visibility and credibility to Zonta created by the project

(e) sustainability of the project (long lasting results, and could the project continue for a certain period of time)

1. Jubilee House. Jubilee House is a transitional house in Douglas for women re-entering society after incarceration at the WY State Penitentiary in Lusk. Residents are required to obtain employment and pay rent for 1 year. We provide new residents with welcome baskets, which have bathroom & laundry supplies and a gift certificate to the local grocery store, to get them started. We also provide donations of blankets, towels, kitchen utensils, etc. We offer yard clean-up or other service as requested. We recently teamed with Douglas Sorority, a like-minded service organization holding a community fundraising event, and auctioned a gift basket for the benefit of Jubilee House, raising \$75. There was a photo in the local paper of the fundraising event. a) This ongoing service project both improves the status of women and helps prevent VAW because it provides women a safe place to live while they transition back into society. b) 100% of club members contribute either time or items for the welcome basket/auction basket. c) There are about 3-4 residents per year. d&e) The Methodist Church holds the lease on the building, so our Zonta Club teams with the Church to provide the above services. Most members of the community know that Jubilee House is an ongoing service project of Zonta Club.

2. Village Hope. Village Hope is a school/well-water project in Sierra Leone. It was founded by the brother of one of our members. We donate \$200 per year towards the continuing education of female graduates from the middle school. Without this funding, most girls could not continue school past the middle school level. We hope to assist with the sale of batik cloth from the area with the proceeds going back to Village Hope. a&c) This project improves the status of women in Sierra Leone, one girl at a time to start with, but we hope these educated young women will eventually give back to their whole community. b) 100% of club members support this project by contributing to our fundraisers that support it. d&e) We talk about Village Hope every chance we get. With funding and support this project will be ongoing until every girl in the village can get an education.

3. Boys & Girls Club. We donated a wreath for them to auction at their annual Christmas fundraiser. This year our Duck Dynasty-themed wreath auctioned for \$350. We have also done yard and building cleaning projects. a) This project both improves the status of women and helps prevent VAW because it provides safe childcare for working mothers. b) 100% of club members contribute either their time or items for the auction. c) There are about 100 kids that attend Douglas' Boys & Girls Club. d&e) Many local service organizations contribute to Boys & Girls Club, so we often team with like-minded organizations when there are fundraisers for this ongoing project.

(Feel free to add additional projects)

The information below will be used to determine the District Advocacy Award to be given out at the 2014 Governor's Seminar, September 20th, Cheyenne, WY

Advocacy: The expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation, or attitudes. Zonta advocacy is an action taken in "the public interest" or for "the greater good" with respect to advancing the status of women and girls and their human rights.)

Does your club have an advocacy committee? X Yes ☐ No

(Do Not Include Zonta Says No Activities Here - See Below)

Please name and describe your advocacy projects including for each item:

(a) category: improved the status of women in general (legal, political, economic, educational, health and/or professional)

or

helped prevent and fight violence against women and girls (VAW)

(b) how closely the project coincided with the advocacy definition above

(c) did the project reflect one of the District 12 Platform for Advocacy issues which are:

- Achieving pay equity
- Supporting measures to oppose gender based violence such as trafficking, rape & domestic violence
- Ensuring equal rights under the law

(d) % of club members involved in the project

(e) names of any community partners

(f) visibility and credibility to Zonta created by the project

1. Our main advocacy project was our Zonta Says No project described below.

2. Converse County Breast Cancer Awareness (CCBCA). Our Zonta Club has attended and participated in the CCBCA annual fundraising event for 3 years. Money is raised to provide no cost or low cost mammograms. a&b) The goal of CCBCA is to improve the health status of women. (f) It is a very well attended event (usually a couple hundred women), so it's good for our Club's visibility to go and be involved. This year Zonta Club members were the judges of the costume contest, the highlight of the evening. This year's theme was the 50's and there were a lot of pictures in the local paper of the event.

(Feel free to add additional projects)

Zonta Says No:

Describe your club's Zonta Says No activities in 2013 - 2014:

Too often the people of Wyoming dismiss issues like violence against women (VAW) as a big city problem that doesn't happen in rural communities, but VAW is widely pervasive and destructive.

The goal of our project was to increase public awareness of VAW by disseminating information about local statistics and local resources. We elicited the support of influential men's groups in Converse County and asked them to be photographed with Zonta Says No posters. We contacted law enforcement organizations and the local woman's shelter to gather statistics on the incidence of VAW in Converse County and Wyoming.

We composed a page of talking points, a public service announcement and a press release using these VAW statistics. We received a Proclamation from the city of Douglas declaring November 25th as "Zonta Says No to VAW Day". Our message was on the radio and in the newspaper during the 16 Weeks of Activism, culminating in a full page article with seven 5 x7 color photos of Real Men groups holding our Zonta Says No posters. The article was titled, "Zonta Says No...and so should you!" It had a description of Zonta organization, along with the statistics and resources that we included in our press release.

All the men's groups we photographed were provided with talking points to share with the young men that they mentor. We were particularly pleased to gain the support of the Douglas High School football coaches because of their influence on 100's of young men. In the past 5 years, they've been to 4 State Championship games, so they are practically celebrities in Wyoming.

Finally, we participated in a community craft fair, donating our proceeds (\$289) to the local woman's shelter, while displaying our Zonta Says No posters and our Real Men photos.

Zonta's Work with the United Nations' Programs/Funds:

Please describe how your club informed its membership of Zonta's work with the United Nations' Programs & Funds through its International Service Projects and ZISVAW Projects. We held a fundraising event to encourage individual donations to ZIF. It was a game night. We had a slide show playing that whole night of the International Service/ZISVAW Projects.

External Communications/Public Relations:

Please check box for the PR tools your club uses:

Brochure X Newsletter ☐ Club or Individual Business Cards ☐ Website X Facebook X Other (describe) Banner. Our banner, which is about 6' x 3', is displayed in front of our booth during the Farmers' Market and Holiday Open House. Most folks in the community recognize our banner.

Internal Communications (e.g., newsletter, directory, website):

Please describe how your club kept its membership informed & connected this year. We email meeting notices, agenda & meeting minutes. We post photos of our events on facebook. We send Evites for special events.

Nominating:

Please describe the process used by the nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for 2014-2015.

The nominating committee is made up of past-presidents. Usually, our nominating chair will have a phone conversation with a potential officer.

ZIF Ambassador:

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? ☐Yes X No

How has your club encouraged individual donations this year? Please describe. We had a game night event where we sold tickets to play the games. The prizes were white elephants. All proceeds from ticket sales were donated to ZIF as individual donations.

Z-Club or Golden Z-Club:

Does your club have a Z or Golden Z Club? ☐Yes X No

If yes, please describe key events held during the year.

Archiving & History:

Does your club have an archivist/historian? X Yes ☐No

Please describe your club's progress to date in:

(a) finding & listing your club archives. We have binders filled with important information.

(b) arranging for safe storage of materials. It is stored in a member's house.

(c) Did your club submit a "History In Brief" by April 1, 2014? X Yes ☐No

If no, why not?

Bylaws:

Does your club have a bylaws committee? ☐Yes X No

Are your bylaws up to date? ☐Yes X No