

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 Denver II

Today's Date: 5/26/2014

Area: 3

President: Lois Britton

President-Elect (if appropriate): Suzanne Fasing Vice President: Suzanne Fasing

Secretary: Debra Ureel

Treasurer: Ellen Fitzpatrick

Fundraising:

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

1. Candy Meininger Memorial Golf Tournament- \$8,250.64
2. Holiday Sales (plants, greenery, nuts and candy)- \$13,589.68
3. Taste of Colorado (selling tickets)- \$360.75
4. Lucinda Pins- \$100.00
5. Zonta Says No Area Event- \$2,181.31
6. Donations- \$812.00
7. Raffle- \$850.00

Total Funds Raised this year: **\$26,144.38 net**

Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:

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

Local Service Organizations: \$16,719.15

Local Scholarships: \$2,000

Total Local: \$18,719.15

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: \$8,014.46

Total Individual Contributions: \$2,035

Total Club & Individual Contributions: \$10,049.46

ZIF Scholarship Information:

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

Did your club participate in the YWPA program? 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? 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? Yes

If so, please describe how your club celebrated this year. Our club participated in the Area 3 Service Project by sorting medical supplies for Project Cure.

Local Scholarship Information:

• **Local Scholarships** awarded by your club

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

Eleven years ago, our club established the Sue Burch Scholarship to be awarded to a graduate of Florence Crittenton School, a school for teenaged moms. We honor our Zontian sister, lost to cancer, with this scholarship because she was a dedicated supporter of FloCrit and the Club believes in the importance of education in our efforts to improve the status of women. A committee selects the scholarship recipient

through an application, recommendation and interview process. As a result of our scholarship, FloCrit now awards their own stipends to several graduates.

This year we awarded scholarships to two teachers to purchase equipment, supplies and/or books with the goal of enhancing their literacy efforts in their classrooms.

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.

If your club currently has fewer than 20 members, what plans do you have in place to increase membership in 2014 - 2015?

Does your club have a new member orientation program? Yes If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year? 1

Our Club has had a very active Membership Committee this year with the goal of increasing membership. The good news is that we did welcome four new members from June 1, 2013-June 1, 2014. However, the less-than-good news is that we lost five existing members due to health issues as well as life/work changes. Our expected member headcount as of June 1, 2014 is 22 or four short of goal. While we continue to encourage existing members to tell AND sell the Zonta "story," we also have had success with potential members "finding" us via our website and PR initiatives. One new-member orientation meeting was held during the 4th quarter 2013 and another is scheduled for the second quarter, 2014. The co-chairs of our Membership Committee both attended the District 12 membership training which they found very helpful.

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. **SafeHouse Denver, Inc.** – Welcome Bags, Mailings, Funding—SafeHouse assists women and children in situations of domestic violence. Their efforts meet the service objective of providing a positive impact on the lives of women and, in turn, their families who are in need of housing and safety. The Club participated in the District XII project for the Zonta Service Recognition Award this year by providing Welcome Bags for clients of SafeHouse who arrive without many necessities. Members contributed shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, and other personal items, and the Club allocated service funds to purchase washcloths, razors, and backpacks. 45 Welcome Bags and backpacks were donated in November 2013, and the members approved continuing the project through May 31 of 15 Welcome Bags per month. Members volunteer to stuff envelopes for multiple contribution solicitations during the year. Almost every member participates in these projects. Since its charter in 1986, Zonta Club of Denver II has supported SafeHouse Denver and continues to

help them make a difference in the community where they assist over 1,683 women and children each year. This year our Club continued its support of the Realizing Your Economic Action Plan (REAP) curriculum at their emergency shelter facility. REAP provides an opportunity for professional growth and education and introduces women to supportive networks and advocacy services that connect survivors to self-sufficiency-related community resources to help them achieve their individual goals.

2. **Excelsior Youth Center.** – Service, Fundraising, Funding—Excelsior is the largest residential treatment center for girls in Colorado, considered the expert in treating troubled girls between the ages of 11 and 18. The Club has adopted a cottage, which usually houses about 18 girls. About one-fifth of the members have committed to monthly activities with the girls, which include creative projects, outdoor activities, or pizza and movies. From their thank you cards, these monthly events are very much appreciated and anticipated by the girls, as their days are very structured otherwise. The Club was also instrumental again this year in helping Excelsior raise \$9,200 in two hours by using the Club’s raffle license and selling tickets. The Club’s efforts were acknowledged at the annual Gala benefiting Excelsior Youth Center. The Club’s participation is ongoing. The Club also contributed service funds for the Community Based Service Program this year.
3. **Florence Crittenton Services for Colorado.**—Zonta Baby Bucks Store, Sue Burch Scholarship Fund, Spring Graduation, Funding—Flo Crit helps young women in transition become strong and self-sufficient through education, counseling, referral and temporary housing. In 2009, the Club’s major service project was remodeling space to create the Zonta Baby Bucks Store. The girls earn “baby bucks” for good citizenship and attendance, awarded by teachers. The bucks are redeemable at the store for a multitude of baby items, including new clothes, diapers, etc. This year the Club distributed service funds to purchase strollers, car seats, diapers, and other needed items for the Baby Bucks Store. At graduation time, the Club awards the Sue Burch Scholarship (see scholarships) and has underwritten spring graduation for many years. Over one third of the members participate in the graduation reception and presentation of the scholarship. We are often acknowledged by FloCrit through their website.
4. **Empowerment.**--Columbine Community Center and Mariposa House are housing programs run through The Empowerment Program. Our major project in 2010 was remodeling and furnishing the clubhouse at Columbine Community Center for the women who live in the 18 residential units. For two years, several members of the Club have committed to come quarterly to Mariposa House to provide crafts, games, and food for the women coming out of prison, have drug and alcohol issues, or are homeless.
5. **The Learning Source.**—Graduation, Funding—The Learning Source provides opportunities for motivated adult learners and families to attain educational goals for themselves and their children through adult and family literacy, GED, and English instruction. For many years, the Club has sponsored graduation receptions for GED graduates, the majority of whom are women. Approximately one third of the members participate in these events. Funding has supported the needs of the Children’s Room and interactive and educational equipment.
6. **Freedom Service Dogs.**—Graduation, Funding—Freedom Service Dogs rescues dogs from shelters and trains them to assist Coloradoans with impairments, to increase their independence by providing a custom-trained service dog and lifetime support to ensure the success of the team. For this organization also, the Club has sponsored graduation receptions for clients and their dogs who have successfully completed the program.
7. **Center for Work Education and Employment-Boutique,** Funding—CWEE is a work readiness program for single mothers on Temporary Aid to Needy Families. As part of their preparation for the workforce, the young women need business professional and business casual clothing. The Boutique provides them with free work-appropriate clothing. Two of our club members regularly sort donated clothing at least

one day a month, and several others volunteer as needed to keep the Boutique replenished, attractive and clean. Our grant to CWEE provides gift cards to participants to buy shoes, undergarments or clothing that the women cannot find in the Boutique.

8. **Holiday Funding.**—Excelsior, SafeHouse, Empowerment Program, Florence Crittenton, and Center for Work Education and Employment—have all received special holiday funding each year from Zonta Club of Denver II. Typically, funds are spent on clothing, food gift cards, and toys. Purchasing and wrapping are done by members and delivered to the agencies. The project promotes our Club in the community and provides those extra needs for women and children.

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.)

(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

Does your club have an advocacy committee? Yes

The Club developed a highly successful advocacy project at Thanksgiving 2013, and held its second advocacy project of the program year on May 14, 2014. Through these projects, the Club shows community support for youth who have emancipated after living in foster care as teens. For both projects, the Club partnered with Mile High United Way Bridging the Gap program, which is a community leader in serving this vulnerable population. The Thanksgiving project involved hosting a group of about 50 youth and their guests, and showing them how to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, and giving each youth a gift bag of groceries to prepare their own Thanksgiving dinner. The May 2014 project we hosted the youth for a free evening of bowling and dinner at a local university student housing facility. Both events provide the opportunities for the youth to network with each other, build a community, and strengthen their ability to advocate for themselves in finding resources to achieve their goals in life. Both projects coincide with the District's definition of advocacy, because the Club expresses its support for the cause of achieving self-sufficiency by a very vulnerable population who are at high risk of homelessness and incarceration. The projects are in the category of improving the status of women in general, especially concerning economic and educational needs. These projects have provided significant credibility and visibility for

Zonta, because of the glowing publicity that Mile High United Way has provided to its stakeholders concerning Zonta's undertaking of these projects, and also because an article was published in the on-line Denver Post

Zonta Says No:

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

Zonta Club of Denver II actively participated in the Area 3 "Zonta Says No" Empty Shoes Event. The club was involved on several levels. We donated approximately 85 volunteer hours by serving on the steering committee, ticket sales and eliciting artwork from local artists. A majority of club members attended the event. The Service Committee was responsible for obtaining support from two of our service partners, Empowerment and SafeHouse Denver. Each organization attended the event and paid for an information table. In addition, a "Friend of Zonta Club of Denver II", Pat Kernan, made a substantial personal donation. His generous support certainly helped to make possible the disbursements made to ZISVAW and participating Area 3 Zonta clubs.

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.

External Communications/Public Relations:

Please check box for the PR tools your club uses:

Brochure Newsletter Club or Individual Business Cards Website Facebook Other (describe) Bookmarks—we distribute bookmarks with Zonta facts and our contact information every chance we get. Your Hub—We have a continuously running ad in the weekly supplement in the Denver Post. We have gained several members as a result of that ad the last few years. Publications and online newsletters of organizations we serve—including Excelsior, Bridging the Gap, Center for Work Education and Employment and Empowerment. They all have put articles about our service projects and grant funds in their newsletters.

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

Please describe how your club kept its membership informed & connected this year.

A part of our website is devoted to a members only section where we have a monthly president's message, newsletter and calendar posting. We also have committee members and responsibilities, annual reports, the latest IRS filing and some general meeting minutes. We plan to update meeting minutes, and this year's service funds distributions. It is the goal of the club to find all pertinent club information in this section of our website.

Nominating:

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

The Nominating Committee consists of volunteer members who contact each member of the club for input on their interests as well as who they think would be good at certain positions. They present a slate of officers at the March meeting, we vote at the April meeting and the new group is installed at our May meeting.

ZIF Ambassador:

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? No

How has your club encouraged individual donations this year? Please describe.

Our unofficial ZIF ambassadors are Terri Otley and Marcy O'Toole. The president, Lois Britton, also challenged all members this year to contribute the ZIF at every meeting. We showed the videos from the Zonta website in October to encourage giving.

Z-Club or Golden Z-Club:

Does your club have a Z or Golden Z Club? No

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

Archiving & History:

Does your club have an archivist/historian? No

Please describe your club's progress to date in:

(a) finding & listing your club archives.

(b) arranging for safe storage of materials.

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

If no, why not?

Bylaws:

Does your club have a bylaws committee? Yes

Are your bylaws up to date? Yes