

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

**Please email to Governor Sheila Davis ([shedavis@comcast.net](mailto: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 Fort Collins

Today's Date: *May 20, 2104*

Area: 12

President: Deanne Mulvihill  
Secretary: Marla Manchego

President-Elect (if appropriate):  
Treasurer: Tammy Eversole

Vice President: Patti Smith

**Fundraising:**

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

1. Zonta Rose Day
2. Author's Luncheon
3. King Soopers Gift Cards
4. Gully Gift Cards
5. ZEP Gift Basket
6. Scooter Raffle
7. Zonta Store

Total Funds Raised this year: **\$4,783.** (Our treasurer left before I could get this from her. I looked at our treasurer's reports from this past year. Not sure what we raised from our Author's Event. We haven't met as a board/club since then.)

**Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:**

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

Local Service Organizations: \$112.00

Local Scholarships: \$1700.00

Total Local: \$1812.00 (again I am just looking at the treasurer's reports and reading them the best I can)

**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: \$450

Total Individual Contributions: \$355

Total Club & Individual Contributions: \$805

**ZIF Scholarship Information:**

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

Did your club participate in the YWPA program? Yes No

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

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

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

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

**Local Scholarship Information:**

• **Local Scholarships** awarded by your club

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

Arlene Davy Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship is awarded to a single mother who is attending Front Range Community College and is based on need.

## **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 No If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year?

*See our Membership Report attached given at Area 2 meeting in Laramie, WY. We offer one social each month to introduce women to Zonta Club of FC. From AUG 2013-DEC 31, 2013 we had 12 new members join our club. We have had several new members join in past month or two as well. There are several more women who are ready to join us in next month as well. We hold our orientation sessions for new members currently quarterly or more often as needed. Our next new member orientation is scheduled for TH May 8, 2014. Our Zonta Club was invited to join the Fort Collins Chamber as a Red Carpet member and our initial membership fee was split between a community business owner and one of our members. We just finished our first year and have joined again and have just begun our second year. The savings afforded our non-profit with bulk mailings for our major fundraiser has off set our chamber dues. Our membership chair also belongs to a women's networking group to market our Zonta Club. We have obtained business support and individuals who are joining Zonta due to the relationships created as we participate in these two organizations. There are three women getting ready to get started from these two organizations. We are excited that the women with their diverse backgrounds are excited to join the Zonta Club of Fort Collins. We send an occasional postcard via USPO to our members such as: Thank you for joining or as in April it was National Volunteer month so it was a thank you for being in Zonta. We initiated a new member Mentor program in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014 and paired current members with new members alphabetically by last names.*

*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)

Our Zonta Club conducted many events this year which helped to improve the status of women. One way that our group helped to increase the economic status of women was through our ZEP (Zonta Empowerment Program), our group invited non-profit organizations throughout our region to have a free informational booth at Front Range Community College and all of the single mothers who attend Front Range Community College were invited to come and learn about the community resources available to them to assist them in achieving their goals. We provide a mentor program for single Mom's at FRCC/LC as well pairing our Zonta members with a single Mom who has requested a mentor. We also provide a scholarship to a single Mom at this time from FRCC/LC called the Arlene Davy Scholarship and it has been up to \$1000.00 per recipient.

Further service projects included our members assisting with the Junior League Closet, formally the Able Women's Closet, which provides professional clothing for women who are entering the workforce for the first time or re-entering the workforce. Our members helped to sort, press and hang clothing so that women in our community could have a professional and special shopping experience at the Closet.

Additionally, our Zonta Club participated in the Zonta Says No event. We had a poster design contest for high school students in our region and the winners were displayed at the Zonta Says No event - hung at the gallery opening and again for 30 days at a local coffee shop art gallery for viewing. The Zonta Club started the night with a flash mob dance in Old Town and then everyone attended the gallery opening at a new community art space business called 'The Downtown Artery' which was donated for our event. During the gallery presentation, \*\*local artists read their poetry, displayed their creations and shared their experiences healing from violence. A committee judged the posters and chose winners. The event was publicized throughout the region. No one read poetry. A CSU Masters in Fine Student who participated in the ZEP mentor program worked with Single Mom's from abusive relationships to create their artwork by making paper from scratch depicting the opportunity to create something good and new out of something old and not so good. This was called the 'Mending Paper Project'. These single Moms displayed their artwork at this event. We hosted a speaker from a local church U Count, about International sex trafficking in India. We provided donations to the local Safe House for abused women. We provided a \$150 financial donation to one of our non-profit vendors, Realities for Children, who hosted an education table about what they do to support abusive women in our community. We had many organizations present. We provided a visible paper doll chain of 973 dolls to represent the number of women abused within the city limits of Fort Collins from Jan 2013 to Nov 2013.

Our Zonta Club collected the materials for birthing kits which were to help save the lives of mothers and babies around the globe. Materials were donated to the club and Patti Smith coordinated the 'Global Women's Healthcare' presentation at which many high school students created the birthing kits (2013-96 and 2014 -100). Our club partners with a local charity - Think Humanity - who delivered the kits to refugee camps in Uganda.

Finally, our Zonta Club held its 3rd annual Meet the Author event whereby three local authors shared their works with more than 100 women at the Country Club in Fort Collins. Many local women owned businesses held vendor tables at the event and our Zonta Club marketed the club as well to increase membership. Presenters included Dr. Joan King presenting 'A Life on Purpose', Kari Grady Grossman presenting 'Bones that Float' about schools she built in Cambodia for girls, and Victoria Ames presenting 'I Can Dance Too.'

(b) % of club members involved in the project

Between 50-75% dependent upon the project.

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

Yes – we always do.

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

We received visibility on our Facebook Page, our website, in our newsletter, from the banners we hung up in downtown Fort Collins, the coverage by a photographer, article in SW Fort Collins Magazine and all of the emails we sent our contact lists.

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

The Junior League Closet project is extremely sustainable because the women who receive clothing from the organization receive a job which sets their life on a new trajectory and path forever.

The ZEP event has no formal evaluation process for its attendees, but we anticipate that all participants are impacted and receive resources in the community that they may otherwise not have.

The Zonta Says No event was an advocacy and educational event that we hope will make a lasting impact on the attendees.

The Meet the Author event will have long lasting impact on its attendees who read the books presented by the authors, you cannot help but be changed positively when influenced by powerful pieces of writing.

The Birthing Kits are changing the course of history - human beings who may not have lived without access to these birthing kits are now given the gift of life due to those who collected supplies, built the kits and then shipped them to the recipients.

1. ZEP Program
2. Junior League Closet
3. Zonta Says No Event
4. Meet the Author Event
5. Birthing Kits

*(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? xYes 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. Wrote letters to congress as directed by District 12.
2. Had speakers come to our club to heighten our awareness on what is going on in our community.
3. Our partnership with CSU Women's Gender department showing the Oscar winning 2012 documentary "Saving Face" that was open the public in March 2013.
4.  
*(Feel free to add additional projects)*

### **Zonta Says No:**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> annual city council Mayoral proclamation in Nov 2013 RE: '16 days of activism ending violence against women' project.

We created a partnership with Cynarra Tweed, the CSU Women's Gender Dept Education Coordinator and together we offered to the community a showing of the Documentary 'Saving Face' that won a 2012 Oscar. We hosted an education event NOV 25, 2013 in Old Town Fort Collins. We began with a Flash Mob dance to the music: Break the Chain. We invited 15 high school art classes to participate in a poster contest around the theme: 'Zonta Says No'. We had three art classes participate from three different high schools and that was 20 student posters from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The posters are on our FB page. We gave out (3) three financial awards and (3) honorable mention awards. We were offered a free space to host our indoor education event in a new community art business space. We had numerous posters about Zonta and our local projects in the initial hallway, we had our 20 high school posters in the gallery and we had two other non-profits bring their participants work to show as well. One was Mending Paper Project initiated by one of our Single Moms who was in our Mentor program. Rachael is a CSU Masters in Fine Art student and she wrote a grant to work with single Mom's in abusive and/or challenging relationships to create paper from scratch out of old blue jeans and more. They created beauty out of something old and ugly. They displayed their wonderful art projects. One of our members met with the Fort Collins Police Detective of Personal Crimes and found out that there were 973 abuse cases against women in the city limits of FC from Jan 2013 to NOV 2013. We cut out 973 paper dolls and put them up around the room to show our guests how many women that represented. This was only cases that had been investigated, not including all reported and of course, those not reported. We had a speaker about Sex Trafficking work done in India by U Count from Timberline Church. We had about 60+ community members who attended. We had gifted graphic design work, desserts for our guests and of course, the art space. We also completed a project to donate numerous baby items to our Crossroads Safe House in FC as well. We sold tickets on door prize baskets and gave that money to one of the non-profit vendors, Realities For Children, that came to help educate the public

about the services they offer in our community. In NOV 2013 we went to the City Council and had a proclamation signed about ending violence against women. We had numerous articles etc. in our local newspaper as well.

### **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.

At every meeting we have a UN Moment. One club members sign up to give a report at every meeting. We do not do this in May at our Installation Dinner or in June at our Retreat, but we do it the other 10 months.

### **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) article in Southwest Fort Collins Magazine, articles in the Fort Collins Coloradoan; we also have created a large banner to display at events, a table banner to display and large banners for our Author's event that hangs up in Downtown Fort Collins.

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

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

We created a local website: [www.ZontaFCevent.com](http://www.ZontaFCevent.com), we started a quarterly e-newsletter in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014 and a Twitter site. We send email updates to our membership on a regular basis.

### **Nominating:**

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

We had a nominating committee. They asked members to run or members volunteered to run. During our closed meeting in April, we voted. Every officer ran unopposed.

### **ZIF Ambassador:**

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? Yes No

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

**Z-Club or Golden Z-Club:**

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

We have cultivated relationships with a local high school and the CSU School of Business over the past 1 ½ years and the plan is to begin the high school Zonta Z club in Fall, 2014 at Poudre High School. We have our Zonta Club and high school staff and student support and community member support for this project.

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

**Archiving & History:**

Does your club have an archivist/historian? Yes 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

Our club historian took the information from our scrapbooks and other information we had and compiled a history to turn in on the report. She was having computer/email difficulties and tried to get it in on time. Our materials are stored in a plastic tub in the basement of a historian.

If no, why not?

**Bylaws:**

Does your club have a bylaws committee? Yes No

Are your bylaws up to date? Yes No We want to make some changes at our Retreat in June.