

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 Laramie

Today's Date: May 17, 2014

Area: 2

President: Becky Kosach

President-Elect (if appropriate): Effie Bader

Vice President: Ashley Schluck

Secretary: Sarah Hellevang

Treasurer: Martha Reisch, Assistant: Wendy King

Fundraising:

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

1. **Style Show \$4151.18**
2. **Rose Day \$2075.90**
3. **Holiday High Tea \$310**
4. **Tshirt Sales \$128**
5. **5k estimate ~900** (Please note, the 5k was on May 11, 2014. We do not have final numbers at this time)

Total Funds Raised this year: **\$7565.08**

Local Service & Scholarships Dollars Given:

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

Local Service Organizations: \$2200

Local Scholarships: \$2750

Total Local: \$4950

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: \$5,525.00

Total Individual Contributions: ~\$1,915.00

Total Club & Individual Contributions: ~\$7,440.00

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. We did not receive any completed applications for this scholarship.

- **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. Lori Lewis. She went on to win at District and internationally.

- **Amelia Earhart Fellowships**

Did your club celebrate Amelia Earhart Day? Yes No

If so, please describe how your club celebrated this year. Our Z Club came to the January General Meeting and gave an informative presentation on Amelia and her contributions to advancing the status of women. We also honored Amelia at the Area 2 meeting this year by creating paper airplanes, which were cut in half...each half held a half of a quote from Ms. Earhart. Attendees needed to mingle in order to find the other half of their quote. Those who finished first received a door prize.

Local Scholarship Information:

- **Local Scholarships** awarded by your club

Name(s) & description(s) of scholarship(s): This year, the *Woman of Promise Scholarship* in the amount of \$2000.00 (\$1000.00 per semester) was available to a Laramie woman who majored in an education program in Laramie or returning to school following an extended interruption or may be working toward improvement in employability. This scholarship is funded by the club through its annual fundraising projects, and is available in the spring for the following year. This year's recipient was Shaylyn Sheaffer.

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. During the past year, the Zonta Club of Laramie held a membership potluck in the summer for retention and a social in the Fall for recruitment. Individual members brought prospective members to almost every club meeting. Eight new members joined during this period.

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

Does your club have a new member orientation program? Yes No If yes, how many sessions did you hold this year? 6

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. Each year, we host two CLIMB Wyoming Graduations. The first was in the Fall of 2013 and had approximately 10% club participation. The next ceremony is in June of 2014. We have been working with CLIMB for several years now.
2. We have a clothing closet called "Suited for Success" which houses professional clothing for women in need. The clothing may be used for job interviews, or the client may take multiple outfits to ensure proper professional dress for those first several weeks on the job. Clothing which is donated and cannot be utilized in the closet is placed on consignment at Nu2u which generated approximately \$200 this year to aid in Club operations. A committee predominantly handled the Suited for Success Closet and committee members are available by appointment to help clients choose professional clothing. Our clients are generally from the CLIMB Wyoming program and the SAFE Project but we have received several direct referrals from Laramie citizens throughout the years.

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? 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. The Zonta Club of Laramie spent the year trying to raise awareness within its club, so that club members could be more comfortable and motivated to raising awareness within the community. We did this by bringing in speakers to discuss three specific topics. These topics included domestic violence against women, sexual assault and women's health. These awareness activities fall under the improving the status of women in general category. The club devoted three monthly meetings to awareness. The October meeting focused on domestic violence, the February meeting was devoted to sexual assault and the March meeting focused on women's mind and body health. Advocates well versed in the three topics came in and discussed examples from the Laramie community, they also stated the local statistics. This made the issues more transparent and urgent to our club members because many of the examples shared were personal and brought to light many of the issues women in the community are facing.

Over the course the three months the club involvement would be near 100%. The Zonta Club of Laramie partnered with the Laramie SAFE Project, Ivinson Memorial Hospital and the Mind, Body & Wellness Center.

The visibility and credibility to Zonta was seen throughout the year in the amount of involvement that took place. With each of the presentations we also had side projects that dealt with many of these issues that had been discussed. For example we collected many overnight products, such as shampoo, soaps, feminine products, pajamas, toiletries, small bags and a change of clothes for the Laramie SAFE project. These items went to those women who left their homes with nothing and needed a few items to hold them over for a few days while they were traveling. The entire club gathered and donated enough items to help 500 women in their first two nights of transition. The club awareness that took place really helped motivate the members to ask for donation or to donate themselves. This section of the advocacy project really relates more to the help prevent and fight violence against women and girls.

Yes, this project reflects one of the District 12 Platforms for advocacy. We are directly supporting measures to oppose gender based violence by helping SAFE victims. We are also raising awareness in domestic violence and sexual assault.

2. The Zonta Club of Laramie participated in the Candlelight Vigil that takes place in October. Each year the Club helps with refreshments, attendance and advertising of the Candlelight Vigil. Members of the community are asked to come light a candle to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence in Albany County. We are there to advocate and support those who are working to end violence in their own lives and those who have lost loved ones. This event falls under the category to help prevent and fight violence against women and girls. It also follows the supporting measures to oppose gender based violence in domestic violence. We had about 45% club involvement in this activity and it was partnered with the Laramie SAFE project and the Laramie Soroptimist group. Many picture from this event were posted to the Zonta Club of Laramie's Facebook page to raise further awareness of the domestic violence problems happening right here in Laramie.

(Feel free to add additional projects)

Zonta Says No:

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

In November the Zonta Club of Laramie held a free, three hour self-defense class for women in the Laramie community to raise awareness about the Zonta Says No campaign. The course taught women to focus on the situations they are in and to use their own judgment to determine if they need to remove themselves from that situation. They were also taught easy to use self-defense moves to get them away from their attacker. During this class they were given a Zonta Say No Brochure listing important information about violence against women. This class reached 30 women in the community and was advertised in the local High School. The course and its message were shared on Facebook. Also, for the week of November 25 every club member who has a Facebook page changed their photo to an orange block and their cover photo to the Zonta Says No logo. We spent the time to teach the members how to share these photos so that they would reach thousands of people on Facebook. Lastly, club members passed around orange ribbons and Zonta Says No brochures to downtown business.

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. Our club informs its members of the United Nations' Programs that Zonta helps with by discussing a few of the projects at the monthly meeting and by displaying posters with greater detail of the projects, including pictures so that the membership can see what the Zonta dollars help fund.

The ZIF Ambassador's, also help in this area. They speak each month on a different programs that Zonta works with and how you can donate individually.

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): *We kept out club informed via quarterly newsletter, Facebook updates & events, and by regularly updating our clubs website with information, events, club happenings, general meeting minutes, and newsletters.*

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

Please describe how your club kept its membership informed & connected this year. We have a website, newsletter, facebook, direct email and of course the General Club Meetings.

Nominating:

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

The Nominating Committee began meeting in early Spring, 2014 in order to speak with current board members to see who would like to stay on the Board for another year. Next, the floor was open for Nominations at the General Meeting in January, 2014 and left open through early March 2014. Zontians who were nominated were approached by the Nominating Committee and personally invited to be on the Board for the 2014-2015 year. Slate was presented at the March General Meeting. Slate was voted on at the April General Meeting and officers were installed at the May General Meeting.

ZIF Ambassador:

Does your club have a foundation ambassador? Yes No

How has your club encouraged individual donations this year? Please describe. We have a team of three Zi Ambassadors who are given time on the agenda every month to update the club as to ZI activities, projects, updates, etc. Our Zi Ambassadors have done an amazing job this year in encouraging personal giving as we have donated approximately \$1900 to ZI this year due to their passion for Zi.

Z-Club or Golden Z-Club:

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

If yes, please describe key events held during the year. Our Z Club is amazing! First, they helped us to organize our Self Defense Course for Zonta Says No. Next they held a baby shower for our SAFE project. They created "Laramie Z Club Says No" bracelets to support Zonta Says No. The Z Club selected 6 members to attend Area 2 to learn more about Zonta and finally have started working with the Days for Girls Project. Days for Girls is to create feminine hygiene items for women in the third world in order to get their lives back while menstruating. The Zonta Club of Laramie

agreed to gather the materials needed while the Z Club agreed to sew. They are currently working with Girl Talk to bring the program into the Junior High. The ladies' school year has ended, however the girls continue to recruit for next 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. The committee was very active this year. We found our club archives and have updated and added to the collection for the period of 1975 to the present. Members contributed information (news clippings, meeting minutes, photos, etc) from their personal collections.

(b) arranging for safe storage of materials. At the end of the year, new scrapbooks will be archived with the rest of the collection at the American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.

(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 No The Board acted as the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee this year. The Bylaws were reviewed, and brought up-to-date and will be voted on at the September 2014 General Meeting.

Are your bylaws up to date? Yes No Please see above.