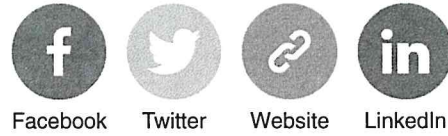


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Reneé Coppock
District 12 Governor
2016 - 2018

GREETINGS, DISTRICT 12 ZONTIANS

Ten months have flown by this biennium! That means the Zonta year will be concluding in two months, on May 31. We hope your clubs have had a successful year in advocacy, service, and membership. It is an exciting time to advocate, as many D12 Zontians discovered at CSW61, held in New York City from March 13 – 24, 2017. We are gathering and comparing notes from the 61st Commission on the Status of Women and reviewing the Agreed Conclusions and comments generated. We will have a full report at the upcoming Area Meetings and in a special publication of *Outreach*.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ZI?

Your ZI Board and committees have been extremely busy. Look forward to:

1. Updates to the ZI website to address log-in and other issues. The email address on file with ZI for each member will be the member's user name. The password will be emailed to each member.
2. Roll out of the Global Membership Drive.
3. New toolkits for membership, scholarships, PR, service, leadership development and advocacy have been added to the website.
4. Updates methods to pay dues.
5. Ideas for Zonta's upcoming Centennial Celebration.

The Board is also busy planning for the next Convention in Japan. Keep your calendar open! You can meet the Board members at the upcoming North American Interdistrict Meeting.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERDISTRICT MEETING

The North American Interdistrict Meeting will be held June 2 – 4, 2017, in McLean, Virginia. This year's program is "Be Part of Zonta's Action" and will feature Zonta International President Sonja Honig Schough; an appearance by Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker, Sopia Kruz, who produced "*Ride the Tiger*"; a trip to Capitol Hill to advocate on behalf of Zonta's issues; and workshops on Advocacy, Leadership, Membership and Service...all critical elements of Zonta. Register now at <http://www.northamericanmeeting2017.com/>.

AREA MEETINGS

It is time for Area Meetings. This is a fabulous opportunity for all Zontians to find out about Zonta at all levels and to network and socialize with Zontians from your Area, as well as members of the District Leadership Team. Make your voice heard – attend your Area Meeting!

Area 1 April 29, Host Club – Southern Black Hills

Area 2 April 22, Host Club – Cheyenne

Area 4 April 8, Host Club – Prowers County

2017 District 12 Conference

Save the date for District Conference, September 22-24, 2017 in Greeley, CO. We will be holding District elections at that time and will hear from our ZI Board Liaison, Ursula Werner. Please contact me or your Area Director if you have ideas for seminar or training topics.

YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Please remember that your D12 Leadership Team is here to help you. Do not hesitate to reach out to your Area Director if you have questions about any aspect of Zonta, or to your Vice-Area Director for membership questions. Terri Otley will guide you through dues and the payment process, and Ann Hefenieder can help you amend and update your bylaws. Denise Parrish can answer advocacy or UN issues, and Denise Luckhurst will assist with service questions. Also, the scholarship and fellowship coordinators can assist you in publicizing the scholarships or planning an Amelia Earhart celebration. Contact Judy McNerny for JMK, Debbie Sundberg for YWPA and Ann Hodgson for Amelia Earhart. You can find contact information for the entire Leadership Team on the D12 website. If you do not know how to access the Member Only area, please contact Susie Nulty for assistance (nulty@csdco.com).

Thank you all for being active members of Zonta. Together, we will change the world!

Cheers,
Reneé



Area 1 Update

Andrea Hovey, Area 1 Director

AREA 1 MEETING: The upcoming Area 1 Meeting will be held April 28 & 29, 2017 in Custer, SD (hosted by the Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills). There will be a Friday night social in Custer, with a special guest speaker.

On Saturday, our meeting will be held in the beautiful Mountain View Room of Crazy Horse Memorial. Key speakers will include: **Joni Hill**, Director of Imaging Services @ Custer Regional Hospital. She will speak on access to healthcare for rural women. **Cheryl Schreier**, Superintendent, Mount Rushmore National Memorial. She will speak on women in the National Park Service and how she became the superintendent of the high profile memorial. We will also have a special musical program, as well as updates from District 12 leadership team. Come spend the day with us in this beautiful setting!

KUDOS to the following:

The **Zonta Club of Billings** held the 20th Annual Trivia Night, and it was a huge success. The Area 1 Director traveled to Billings to attend the event and take notes so that she might share the idea with the South Dakota clubs. The chili and the competition were HOT! It was a lot of fun, and the Billings club is ready and willing to share the "How To" on their Trivia Night fundraiser.

The **Zonta Club of the Black Hills** recently celebrated its fundraising success by giving all the hard earned funds away. The Zonta International Foundation, Club Scholarship funds and several local organizations were treated to checks, chocolate and delicious homemade cookies at the March Service Committee Luncheon.

The **Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills** is preparing for the annual Lunafest. Co-sponsored by Lunabar, the Lunafest is a series of films by, for and about women. The event will be April 1st at the Custer High School Theater.

The **Zonta Club of Pierre-Fort Pierre** is getting ready for its Spring Craft Show, April 1st & 2nd, at the Pierre Mall. These busy women have been working on several service projects. The latest activity is putting together "Exit Bags" for women who have served their time and are being released from prison. The Pierre-Fort Pierre club has been providing for many women in need this year, including the women at the domestic abuse shelter, women military veterans and women at The Right Turn Education Center.

Keep up the great work, Area 1. See you at the Area Meeting!



Kim Frazier, Area 2 Director

Outreach Article for Area 2

The Cheyenne club, with Linda Bogart as the coordinator, has been busy planning the Area 2 meeting coming up this April in Cheyenne. The theme is "How to Be an Advocate in Today's World". We will have a Friday night social, which will be a guided painting event at the Fly Dragon Studio, 600W 17th Street. The social will be from 6 pm to 9 pm with snacks and wine included. The cost for the social is \$35. We have planned an exciting meeting for Saturday at the Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Ave, 2nd Floor, Sage Room from 10 am to 4 pm. Lunch will be catered, the price is \$30. A call for registration has been sent. We are planning an exciting meeting and hope you can all attend. You will hear from various District 12 chairs, we will have a presentation from Diana Laws, helped form the Northeast Colorado Coalition against Trafficking, on trafficking and projects from small to large and a presentation from Denise Parish, Zonta District 12 Advocacy Chair, on the Advocacy efforts in our District. We ask that the club Presidents and/or Advocacy Chairs will sit on a panel after these wonderful presentations to discuss Advocacy activities in their

respective clubs. We also ask that each club donates a basket to raffle for scholarships.

Other news in the area includes the formation of a SOM committee to initiate a new club in the LaPorte area of Colorado. We have had several meetings, with several fabulous women interested in joining Zonta. More news on this in the future.



Area 4 Happenings

Mindy Minor, Area 4 Director

Greetings from Area 4-

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Our three clubs have stayed busy with fundraising, advocacy, and service projects. Here are some highlights:

Pikes Peak Area

The club inducted eight new members at its February meeting. The club has been focused on membership recruitment and retention.

The club successfully held their annual International Women's Day brunch celebration on Saturday, March 4th at the Pinery on the Hill in downtown Colorado Springs.

Prowers County

The Embrace Your Potential workshop in the fall focused on Wellness for Women. This free seminar had an increase in participants from both the community and Zontians. Our Advocacy Committee did a great job during the 16 Days of Activism. Our Zonta Says No Banner hung from the Fire Department on Main Street and our Silent Witnesses were on display at the City Complex. The Holiday Home Tour raised more money over the previous year and funds were divided between the Domestic Safety Resource Center and the Care Net Pregnancy Center.

2017 is off to a good start. We added 6 new members and reinstated a member who had been out for a few years. In addition to planning the Area 4 meeting scheduled for April 7 & 8, the club celebrated Rose Day by selling and delivering yellow roses on March 8th and held our major Fundraiser, Girls Wanna Have Fun, March 25th.

Royal Gorge Area

On Saturday February 11th, the club hosts its third annual One Billion Rising Event with a dance on the Royal Gorge Bridge to take a stand against violence against women. This is an International movement with the same dance being staged around the world around Valentine's Day. On March 18th, the club held an author's luncheon featuring Jill Tietjen, the author of Her Story who spoke at last year's Area 4 meeting. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to Ms. Tietjen stories of amazing women in America's history.

On Amelia Earhart Day, the club hosted a mixer for potential new members to get to know more about the club and Zonta. From that event, we expect to gain three to five new members.

At Christmas the club gathered sweat suits that were donated to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) department at the hospital. Since the clothes women were wearing at the time of the assault are taken for evidence, they often don't have anything to wear home. We have heard stories of how important these article of clothing are. One survivor's story that was shared with us by her mother, indicated that she kept the sweats as a reminder that there are people who care. The club also collected toiletries that were donated to Family Crisis and Rocky Mountain Behavioral, which assists women with addiction.

Club Dues Reminder

This is an early reminder, that dues will be due on April 30, 2017 to your District Treasurer, so that they can be submitted in a timely manner to Zonta International ("ZI") by May 31, 2017. The process for handling dues is this:

Zonta International will mail the Club Treasurer a listing of the membership that they have on record and request dues be paid for those individuals. Your District 12 Treasurer will email to the Club Treasurer, a bill for the number of members that the District has on record.

Located on the District 12 website <http://zontadistrict12.org/> in the Members Only Area, under the heading, Treasurer's Reports and Forms, please click on the Dues Summary 2017 to 2018 for amounts that will be due for the next fiscal year.

Prepare the ZI Member Report Form (Form B) for all changes regarding your current membership, new members and reinstated members.

Prepare the ZI Membership Dues Payment Transmittal Form (Form C) for North America.

In an effort to make sure that District 12 and International have the same information, please send all your documentation regarding renewals, new members and reinstated members to the District 12 treasurer:

Terri Otley, P O Box 6739, Denver, CO 80206-0739

If you should have any questions regarding this process, or require any assistance associated with the dues paying process, please contact Terri Otley at (303)831-1265 from 9:00am to 5:00pm M-F.



Terri Otley

D12 Treasurer

Spotlight

North East Colorado Coalition Against Trafficking

In the final month of 2016, we spotlight the North East Colorado Coalition Against Trafficking (NECCAT). NECCAT was founded by a group of committed members of the Zonta Club-Greeley chapter in January of 2015. Zonta Vice President, Diana Laws, was a driving force in getting the group off the ground. As she explained it, Zonta's mission is to empower women through service and advocacy. The Greeley Zonta membership recognized that there were already several organizations addressing a variety of women's issues. But, Zonta believed it could address a gap by elevating the issue of human trafficking and its intersection with violence against women in their local community.

In less than two years of operation, 26 agencies—including area law enforcement and social service agencies—have joined the group. NECCAT sees its role as a convener of key stakeholders who have the experience and expertise to respond to cases of human trafficking. NECCAT also serves as a central repository for education and resources in the area. The group receives multiple requests for training on human trafficking and is able to enlist members to carry out education and outreach events based on their areas of specialization. Likewise, NECCAT has partnered with Zonta to raise funds to support human trafficking survivors. It has dedicated a portion of those funds to make survivor kits that include such things as basic toiletries and handmade socks. The kits benefit survivors immediately and support local law enforcement in their efforts to build rapport and a sense of safety among those they identify as potential trafficking victims. For more information about NECCAT, please contact Diana Laws.



District 12 Service Committee Update
Denise Luckhurst,, District 12 Service Chair

Evaluating Club Service Projects

Starting a new club service project.....

- Does the project contribute to fulfill Zonta's mission and achieve Zonta's vision?
- Is the project focused on women's issues?
- Will you be partnering with like-minded organizations in your community?

I hope so!

Some clubs have projects that might not be in synch with all these goals, does that make it a bad project? No, that doesn't make it a bad project, but you might want to revisit the project to see if you want to continue it or determine if it can be tailored to be more in line with Zonta's mission and goals.

To help clubs and districts align their local service projects with ZI's mission and goals, ZI has developed a Local Service Project Guide to walk you through an evaluation of the project. You can find the guide at: <http://membership.zonta.org/Portals/0/Membership/Tools/ServiceTools/DistrictAndClubLocalServiceProjectGuide.pdf>

Give it a try! There will be training sessions scheduled in the future to help with any issues clubs may have with the guide, or contact me at dluckhurst@pie.midco.net or 605.222.3845.

Zonta International needs our help!

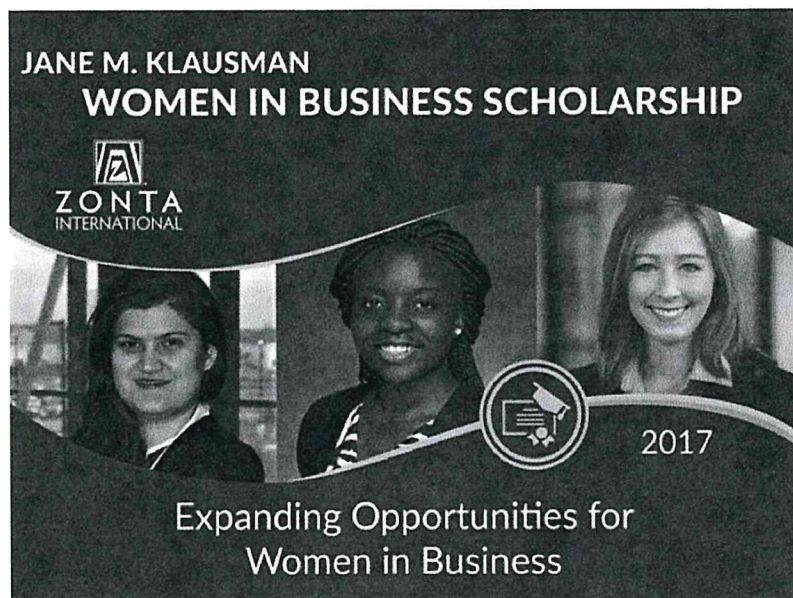
Recently the Zonta International Service Committee sent a request to the District Service Committee Chairs and District Governors asking for our input....

The Zonta International Service Committee's goals include encouraging and supporting local service projects which are focused on Zonta's mission and vision, including the *United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal No. 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*. ZI has been asked to report to the UN what their total effort is organizationally, not just at the International level. They need Clubs and Districts to report our efforts.

Submitted reports will show the wonderful Zonta projects around the world, showcasing our endeavours towards achieving Goal #5 of the SDGs. What a great opportunity to show the UN all that Zonta does to empower women and girls around the world.

The results will be supplied to the UN in July, so be sure to report your club projects soon! Your club Service Chair has received information on how to report your club information. Please contact them to be sure your club projects are being reported.

Jane M. Klausman Scholarship
Judy McNerry, *JMK Coordinator*



Once again, the District 12 Jane M. Klausman Scholarship winner was also chosen to receive an International scholarship! Our District and International winner, Karin Humar, is planning to attend the District 12 Conference in September so we will all have a chance to meet her.

The deadline for the 2017 District 12 scholarship is July 1. The updated application has been posted on the ZI website, [here](#) (you will need to login as a Zonta member), along with supporting documents and information. These can also be accessed easily through our District 12 website, zontadistrict12.org, under *What We Do* and *Scholarships and Awards*.

Remember, scholarships are *just as important as every other Zonta Service!* The JMK Scholarship recognizes outstanding young women in business, and gives them a chance to realize their dream and leadership potential. Also, these young women can be magnificent Ambassadors for Zonta, and scholarships sometimes lead to membership!

If your club hasn't offered a JMK scholarship before, consider enlisting a member of your club who is a businessperson to take on the task, as one club president suggested to me. (If you are that person, volunteer!) Even if your club can't give a cash award, a club winner will be considered for the \$1,500 District 12 scholarship and the District winner for the \$7,000 International scholarship. I will be happy to provide any help or support that I can; don't hesitate to contact me at jmchnery@comcast.net

A Zonta E-Club in District 12



by Deedee Boysen

Zonta District 12 is forming an e-Club this biennium and we're very excited to see it take off. The SOM Committee (Sponsor, Organize and Mentor) is comprised of leaders from throughout the District and includes Mary Kaiser, Jessica Larson and Andrea Hovey - Zonta Club of the Black Hills; Kelli Buscher - Zonta Club of Pierre-Ft. Pierre, and Deedee Boysen and Tasha Bauman of the Zonta Club of Laramie.

We will be using Zoom software to conduct the e-Meetings as well as our SOM Committee meetings, and SOM Committee members will begin training on how to use the software in March 2017. It is our hope to begin informational meetings with prospective members, using the Zoom software, beginning in May 2017. With luck and your help, we plan to charter the new e-club next Fall. All we need to do is identify 15 members for our new club, get them to complete a Prospective Member Form, and pay their dues. We can do this!

However, our best chance of making this work is if all members of the District help us to identify former Zontians or family members who might be interested in joining. E-Club members may live anywhere geographically. They operate like a traditional club in that they hold monthly meetings and complete service, advocacy and fundraising events in their own communities. To accomplish that goal, they identify broad areas of need that each member can address in his or her own community -- for example collecting items for a shelter. They can raise funds by holding a raffle or partner with like minded organizations in their community to collaboratively raise funds through an event that would benefit

both organizations. They could sell a Zonta item on their club website. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. E-Club members are also asked to hold an annual meeting in a face-to-face setting once a year. ZI recommends getting together at a District Conference, Governor's Seminar, Convention or InterDistrict Meeting, however, this is not a mandatory aspect of being an e-Club member. While recommended, this should not be a deal breaker when prospective members are considering joining.

In the month between now and May, the SOM Committee will be reaching out throughout the District to identify prospective members in addition to our training on the use of the software. Please take a moment now to consider your friends on Face Book who you knew in Zonta, but who have moved away from your club area, and family members who have been in Zonta or know about Zonta through you -- as these are exactly the people we want to enlist for our new e-Club. If you have people you would like to recommend, please e-mail Deedee Boysen at boysen.deedee@gmail.com. My recommendation is that you contact the past Zontians first so I don't surprise them, but that isn't necessary. I'm happy to make calls to whomever you recommend, no matter where they live in the US. Our goal is to have as many as possible future Zontians identified by May 1 so that we can get started. Even if that number is only 5, we will start our e-Club and build it up as we go.

Thanks in advance for all your help!



Advocacy Update

Denise Parrish , Advocacy Chair

THE STEPS OF ADVOCACY: FROM PASSION TO ACTION

Advocacy is defined by Merriam Webster as the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal. *Just Say No! To Violence Against Women* continues to be a focal project of all Zontians. This project has been successful in raising awareness in many communities, which is a first step in making change to eliminate horrific acts of violence against women. This violence takes many forms ranging from genital mutilation to forced sex acts to domestic beatings. With awareness having been raised, now is the time to take the next steps to effectuate change. What is the best means to accomplish change?

Start at the local and state level. Our state legislatures are currently in session and a number of bills have been introduced to support victims of violence and stalking. The legislative proposals include, but are not limited to: broadening the definition of human trafficking; expanding victims' rights relative to the offenders' sentencing, probation, and parole; modifying sentencing laws; and modifying the definition of sexual assault. Although the legislative sessions are well underway, it is important to continue watching the proposed bills as they progress through the legislative process, and weigh in as necessary and/or appropriate. It is also not too early to begin thinking about additional legislation that may be needed. Discussions on proposed legislative changes should begin long before the sessions begin, in order to garner support from bill sponsors and other advocates.

Weigh in at the national level with a focus on specific issues and proposals. We are already hearing about proposed cuts in funding particularly important to women, particularly in the arena of health care. Many believe we are in an era where it will be difficult to advance women's issues, and thus, efforts should be spent trying to make sure that there isn't a regression of women's rights and assistance. Yet, there are additional efforts underway to breathe new life into the *Equal Rights Amendment*. So, be watchful and speak up! Just remember, Zonta is a non-partisan entity, and must remain so. While wearing your Zonta hat, focus on issues, not politics.

Finally, advocacy begins with a conversation about issues that peak our interest and enrage our senses. In this regard, two items have been prepared that are intended to be conversation starters. The informational flyers discuss the matters of *The Age of Marriage* and *The Age of Sexual Consent* in our District 12 region and are available on the District 12 website at <http://zontadistrict12.org/what-we-do/advocacy-projects>. Take a look at these and become better informed about some

of the antiquated laws in place that allow for Child Marriages in our four states. Hopefully, this information will lead to some conversations that will peak your interest in protecting adolescent women from becoming victims as Child Brides or children who lose their innocence far too soon.

For more information, contact Denise Parrish at denisewyo@aol.com or (307) 286-1463.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

It is hard to believe that a quarter of the year is about over! That means the first year of our biennium will soon draw to a close. We have a lot of business, advocacy and service to complete before then! Below are some key deadlines to keep in mind:

April 30, 2017

Club Reports due to District 12 Leadership Team Members requesting reports. Each club president or committee chair will receive a report form or instructions for reporting in the next week. Remember, these reports are the only way we find out about all the great things the D12 clubs are accomplishing AND the information in the reports are used to determine the winners of the District Service and Advocacy awards.

May 15

Team Leadership reports due to the Governor.

Thanks, everyone. See you at the upcoming Area Meetings.

Cheers,
Governor Renee Coppock

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