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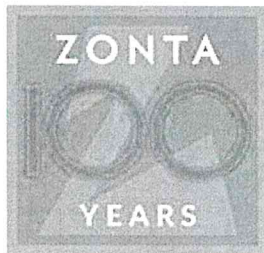


District 12 Outreach Winter 2019



Greetings and happy New Year to all District 12 Zontians. Much has been happening in our District since I last wrote you and the following are some of the updates.

Deedee Boysen, Governor District 12



Centennial Celebration - Honor and Empower

November 8, 2019 is our actual 100 year anniversary although celebrations have been taking place since mid 2018. Most clubs have appointed a Centennial Anniversary Chair, and most of the chairs regularly attend monthly meetings hosted by Kelly Christy, our Centennial Anniversary District Chair. One of the main benefits of having a representative on this committee is that we share ideas about how clubs will celebrate the centennial. These ideas cover a wide range of activities and events and include participation in parades, collaborative efforts with like-minded organizations to celebrate local women as well as amazing women throughout history, lighting up the state capitol dome on November 8th, working with local governments to develop proclamations, hosting banquets to celebrate local women... and the list goes on.

Governor's Centennial Celebration Tour. Lt. Governor Ann Hodgson and I would like to celebrate this marvelous time in our lives with as many clubs as we can between now and September 20, 2019, and possibly beyond. Our plan is to travel to clubs to take both photos and videos of your centennial celebrations and club members. In mid-August, we will create both a slide show and a video to share at the District 12 Conference so everyone can see the creativity that is afoot in our District. I already know of many of the clubs' plans through the Club Centennial Anniversary Chair meetings, and I look forward to seeing them come to life in your communities. If your club hasn't been participating in these Centennial Anniversary Chair Zoom meetings, you have really missed out on all the great ideas that are being shared. Contact District 12 Centennial Anniversary Chair Kelly Christy at ekscrimshaw@gmail.com to have your name added to the distribution list so you can receive the meeting minutes or participate! **Contact me at boysen.deedee@gmail.com to get your club and your centennial event onto our tour schedule.** When we visit your club or event, Ann and I will present your club president with a certificate recognizing your club and event along with a donation to the Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign. If clubs or club members would also like to make a donation to this fund or match the contribution Ann and I make, I would encourage you to do so when we visit. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can! I'd also like to thank all of the club Centennial Anniversary

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Centennial Events. I'd just like to be sure that everyone understands that the centennial events need to emphasize honoring and empowering women. This can happen at a fundraising event, a service event, an advocacy event or a membership event... or perhaps even at club meetings.

Centennial Anniversary Grants. There have been many questions about the grant and the online application for the grant. According to the *Guidelines for Clubs* that is available on the ZI website, the Centennial Anniversary Grants will be available to like-minded charity/not for profit organizations that partner with a Zonta Club to directly improve women's and girls' lives in your community. The program will increase the impact of the clubs' activities in your communities while also strengthening the link between Zonta's local and international levels and promoting the good name of Zonta at the local level. A club selects one project from a partnering organization, and the club submits an online application for the grant. Applications will be accepted from September 15, 2018 to March 31, 2019. This is a special program to honor Zonta's 100 years of service. The International Service Committee will review all applications after March 31, 2019 and pass their recommendations for projects to receive the grants to the Zonta International Board Executive Committee for final approval. The Zonta International Foundation Rose Fund provides the grant of up to \$5,000 each. The projects should be completed by March 31, 2020 to allow for timely communication before the end of the biennium and the 2020 Convention.

Several clubs in our District have already submitted applications, and it is my hope that each of your clubs will participate. I highly recommend finding and reading the guidelines for the grant before you invest the time in preparing the grant application. While not required, I would enjoy receiving a copy of your grant application or at least notification that you have submitted a grant, along with a brief summary of what your project will be and when it will take place. This is information I will need to provide to Zonta International so, please let me know when you submit your grant. Thank you.

District-wide Common Action. Many of you have heard that we are planning a common action on Tuesday, November 8, 2019. Zonta International has requested that this common action in some way incorporate the idea of ending child marriage and include a web/social media blast. Our plan is to "Light Up the Night" and raise awareness locally about ending child marriage. Lighting up the night is something all clubs can do. Some clubs are planning a candle-light vigil, some are working in their capitol to light up government buildings.... Be creative! The main idea is to tell your community about what Zonta is and what we care about. This does not need to cost your club any money. I would encourage all clubs to begin a conversation now about how your club will "Light Up the Night." I would definitely like to receive pictures of your event to share with Zonta International.

Centennial Blog. There is a blog on the zonta100.org website under 'News and Events' where clubs can share your club's story about your centennial event. Check it out and consider including your club's event.

District Centennial Award. All Districts have been asked to choose a recipient to receive recognition with a Centennial Award. The recipient could be either an individual or a local organization, just not a Zontian. I would like each club to start thinking about who our District could recognize at the District Conference. My thought is that each club could complete an application and then submit your candidates to me. I will identify a committee of District leaders to evaluate and choose our top candidates, from which one would be chosen. I do not have the application form completed yet, but hope to get it out to the Club Presidents very soon. These applications will require a fast turn-around, with a deadline of April 15, 2019 so that we can make our selection at our Board Summer Meeting in early June and invite the winner to our District Conference. Each club could also recognize their applicant at one of their club meetings. We will submit our District winner to the Zonta International North American Governors for consideration for the North American (Country) Centennial Award recognition. Each District will make one recommendation. Each Country will submit one winner to Zonta International for further recognition.

2019 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) – by Debbie Sundberg, D12 YWPA Coordinator

I encourage each ZONTA club to honor someone from your area. You do NOT have to give Club money

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leadership in her volunteer activities and is dedicated to empowering women in her community and worldwide. Women age 16-19 by April 1st are eligible.

HOW to GET STARTED: All applications must start at the Club Level.

1- Select a member or members to head up the YWPA committee.

2- Go to the ZONTA International website at www.zonta.org and get all the instructions and application forms. Or find them at foundation.zonta.org/YWPAAward.

Some of the resources that you will find on the website include:

- POSTER - You can customize with your CLUB Info and Application Deadline. Scatter these throughout you community. Send letters to schools, counselors, churches and organizations to get awareness that ZONTA is sponsoring the Award
- AWARD Selection Criteria
- PROGRAM Background and Statistics
- YWPA GUIDELINES for Clubs and Districts
- NEWS RELEASE Announcing the YWPA award Program
- NEWS RELEASE Announcing your Club Winner of the YWPA Award
- **APPLICATION for 2019** – including: Applicant Goals, Recommendation Forms with signatures, Verification of Current Enrollment by school or institution official or letter from employer stating employment, Application Cover Sheet signed by the Club President

3- **APPLICATION DEADLINE to DISTRICT = April 1, 2019.** One applicant per club. Applications are accepted by fax or mail; however, email submissions are preferred. All documents **MUST** be signed. **Please be sure that the Club President COVER page is completed and signed.**

4- Send your application to Debbie Sundberg, District 12 YWPA Coordinator.

5- DISTRICT evaluating committee reviews the club applications and selects one applicant per District to send to ZONTA International by May 1st. District winner receives \$1500 on behalf of District 12 from International and an additional \$500 from District 12 for a total of \$2000 plus an award certificate.

6- INTERNATIONAL YWPA committee recommends TEN international recipients from the District application to the ZONTA International Board. Each receives \$4000. After approval by the ZONTA International Board, the ZONTA International Foundation provides awards and certificates to the District and International Recipients by July 1st.

Women in Technology Scholarship - by Denise Luckhurst, D12 WIT Coordinator

During the ZI Convention in 2018, Zonta International announced a pilot of a new scholarship program aimed at women pursuing an IT degree or closely related program. Women not currently enrolled in a program, but meeting certain requirements, are also eligible.

The deadlines for submitting applications for the Women in Technology Scholarship have been announced by Zonta International.

- **Club Deadline:** Determined by your Zonta Club
- **District Deadline:** August 1, 2019
- **International Deadline:** October 1, 2019

For more information see <https://foundation.zonta.org/womenintech> or contact Denise Luckhurst, D12 Women in Technology Scholarship Coordinator at dluckhurst@pie.midco.net.

Membership Reminders - by Ann Hodgson, D12 Lt. Governor

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year. As of November 30, 2018, Zonta International reports that Laramie and Cheyenne have both added 5 members, Black Hills has added 4 and Greeley has added 3. Good work!

Retention is as important as recruitment. What sorts of things can help retention? ZI has a couple of good documents that offer ideas about how clubs can increase retention.

- Conduct efficient meetings
- Offer interesting meetings
- Offer quality service and advocacy projects
- Develop a useful strategic plan
- Engage members with well-organized committees
- Cultivate friendships
- Integrate, involve, recognize and welcome current and new members; share tasks
- Offer good orientation and mentoring programs
- Use regular surveys to tract the pulse of members



Leadership Training - by Sheila Davis, D12 Leadership Development Chair

Two exciting things are happening in the Leadership Training area. A new District 12 Leadership Training logo was created and is shown at the left. It is patterned after Zonta International's Leadership Development logo which also features a torch. Many thanks to Janet Bergin for creating this logo. In addition, three of the Club President's Responsibilities classes given recently via Zoom were recorded. Work is underway to combine them into one online/on demand class that can be viewed in 15-minute segments. The goal is to have this effort completed by March 31, 2019. Instructor-led classes for Club Treasurers will be given on January 31 and February 5, 2019, from 6pm - 7pm MST. Instructor-led training for Club Advocacy Chairs will be provided in late spring. Keep in mind that any interested Zontian can attend any class. As always, please let me know at shedavis@comcast.net of your training needs.

2018 Scholarship Recognition Ceremonies

December 13, 2018 - The Zonta Club of Billings recognized Cassidy Shaver as both the District JMK winner and a Zonta International Award Winner at their club Christmas Party. Dr. Bob Wilmouth, the President of the Rocky Mountain College, and Karen Beiser, who is the faculty advisor of the Business Professionals of America Chapter at the college, attended the event. Cassidy was chosen as a Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipient because of her exemplary scholastic record, her dedication to helping others, and her demonstrated leadership skills.

January 26, 2019 - Area 3, in collaboration with Marcy O'Toole, the District 12 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program Coordinator, hosted the Amelia Earhart Luncheon in order to recognize and honor Mary Bastawrous, who is currently attending the University of Colorado and is enrolled in the Aerospace Engineering Program. Dr. Penina Axelrad, Joseph T. Negler Professor of Aerospace Engineering, gave a presentation on the success of STEM.

Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women - End Child Marriage!

Ending child marriage, the 2019 Zonta Says No Campaign, assumes a high priority for Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz. Many of our clubs embraced the Zonta Says No to End Human Trafficking of the past biennium and now it is time for us to move on to the new project of learning about and advocating to end child marriage. This does not mean you need to stop your efforts to end human

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and its impacts on young girls. This is a relevant topic for all of us here in District 12 with legislation being discussed in several of our states right now. An easy place for your club to start is to learn more about marriage age requirements in your own state and then broaden your search to the US and countries that embrace child marriage as part of their culture. It is ZI's goal that 250 clubs around the world will deliver an action to oppose child marriage. Perhaps your club will be one of them. Find out more about this biennium's campaign to end Child Marriage at www.zontasaysno.com.



District 12 Service Project

This year, our District 12 Service Project involves conducting a book drive with an "Empowering Woman" theme. Some clubs have already completed this project and some are in the process of raising funds to purchase books. External Communications Chair Michelle Medal has designed Zonta Centennial Book Plates for all clubs that you can personalize with your club logo or that she will provide to you with your club logo on them. The photo to the left gives you an idea of what they look like. They come in a sheet and can be used with a sheet of labels so that you can print them yourself. Contact Michelle Medal at michellemedal@hotmail.com to get a bookplate template.

Congratulations New Z and Golden Z Clubs - Welcome to Our District!

The Zonta Club of Ft. Collins is pleased to announce the formation of the Colorado State University Golden Z Club in their community. And, the Zonta Club of Greeley has recently chartered the University High School Z Club in their community. Congratulations to these clubs and cheers to your new student members. To find out more about how to form and charter a new Z or Golden Z Club, contact Johnna French, District 12 Z and Golden Z Club Coordinator at johnnafrench@msn.com.

Calendar Items

March 11-22, 2019 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, NY.

Please e-mail Deedee Boysen if you are planning to go.

April 1, 2019 Submit your YWPA Application to Debbie Sundberg for District Competition.

April 6, 2019 [Area 2](#). The Area 2 meeting will be held in Laramie, WY, hosted by the Zonta Club of Laramie. It will be led by Area Director Kathy Cathcart.

April 13, 2019 [Area 1](#). The Area 1 Meeting will be held in Pierre-Ft. Pierre, SD, and is hosted by the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Club. The meeting will be led by Area Director Kelli Buscher.

April 27, 2019 [Area 4](#). The Area 4 meeting will be held in Colorado Springs, CO, and is hosted by the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area. The meeting will be led by Area Director Susan Miller-Sutphin.

June 7-9, 2019 North American Inter-district Meeting in Dallas, TX. The theme is "Empowering Women - Past Present and Future," in celebration of Zonta's 100 year anniversary. There will be workshops and leadership training for all Zontians.

September 20 - 22, 2019 District 12 Conference in Billings, MT.

July 4-8, 2020 Zonta International Convention in Chicago, IL.

**Upcoming Club Events
Consider Yourself Invited!**

BILLION RISING **SOLIDARITY** **RISE! RESIST! UNITE!**
16 FEBRUARY 2019

Join us on Main St, Cañon City
 February 16, 2019
 Free Showing of *Flirting with Danger*
 Documentary at 2:00 pm
 Donations Excepted to Benefit Family Crisis Center and SANE
 Dance Performances by The B. Box 3:00 pm
 Followed by *Everyone Dancing in the Street*
 Cañon Royal Event Center, 523 Main St

One Billion Rising: Revolution, to mobilize, engage, awaken,
 and join people worldwide to end violence against women.
<https://www.onebillionrising.org/events/one-billion-rising-and-flirting-with-danger>

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**Zonta's
Night Out**
13th Annual Fundraiser
Dinner & Shopping

Celebrate
100th Anniversary
of Zonta International
Little America Grand Ballroom
March 8th, 2019
Doors Open at 4pm Dinner at 6:15pm

Presented by
**Zonta Club of
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